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Comments: Greetings Ms. Jackson and Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the public permitting process. I know this project will have a positive impact on the environment, communities surrounding the site and Idahoans.

Of all the options being considered by the USFS, Alternative 2 seems to me to be the best for cleaning up Stibnite and protecting the environment for generations to come. The other alternatives all leave significant room for improvement. In Alternative 3, the tailings storage facility location is not as safe as it would be placed in a pristine part of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River while Alternative 2 keeps the facility in an area that has already been impacted by mining. Alternative 4 would keep access roads where they are today (right next to important waterways), while Alternative 2 moves access roads to site away from streams, creeks and rivers to reduce the risk of spills and minimize sedimentation.

After reading my letter, I hope you can see why you should permit alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project. This project is a good thing for Idaho, helps decrease America's dependence on foreign countries for critical minerals and cleans up the environment. These benefits cannot wait. Sixty days is long enough for the comment period.