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Comments: This letter fully supports Alternative 2 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Besides the obvious economic gains the project offers, I explain below two additional benefits that the project addresses that are important to me and I feel I have to make a few comments.

My background:

I am a 78-year old Pennsylvania Farmer of 46 years with plenty of real life experience on the farm and as a public official. I served locally for over 30-year either as a township supervisor or on the township planning commission. I also served as a Pennsylvania State Representative for 12 years in Harrisburg.

During all my 12 years, I served on the PA State House Conservation Committee.

Point #1:

Many areas of PA are living with the results of previous mining (coal) problems. I had many opportunities to tour and see the success and failure of our state reclamation program. I know exactly what you are dealing with in Idaho and to have a business come in and correct problems created generations ago is something to take advantage of. I wish PA could reclaim coal mining areas with a similar plan you have but no such luck with coal as the resource. Your situation for reclamation is a win for both parties. Take advantage!

Point #2:

Maybe this is a little bit crazy but it's important to me because I am an outdoor, wildlife person. The fish part of the project immediately caught my attention.

I had an experience on a trip to Alaska, which I will never forget in fact it may have been the most memorable incident of my trip. I was in the village of Skagway when the salmon were working their way up stream. Those fish showed such effort and determination to survive that no man has the right to deny. I could have taken a half load of stones on a pick-up truck and closed off that two foot channel of water and wiped out something that has continued since time began. This would be wrong and what my grandparents generation did at the Stibnite Gold Project site was not right. It must be correct and now is the time to do it.