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Comments: To whom it may concern,

My name is Robert Onstott, I am a Montana native that has lived in Southwest Idaho for the past 27 years. I grew up in the mining business. My grandfather was a mining superintendent, my dad worked as a miner for the first half of his life and in a mining related industry for the second half of his career. I am retired now but worked in the mining industry for 40 years. During that time I have witnessed the poor mining practices of the past change into to the engineering science of modern mining. Unfortunately a lot of the general public's view of the mining industry is that of the past. But like a lot of the excepted practices of the past, mining has changed and improved overtime with the aid of regulation and moderne science (i.e. the use of asbestos insulation, lead based paints, lead in gas etc. etc.).

I had a chance to visit the Stibnite project multiple times when it was a seasonal working operation and I was thrilled to learn that they are willing restore the existing stream bed along with other environmental improvements but that's just a bonus to the fact that not only would this brownfield mining operation be conducted within an approved mining plan, but it would provide jobs and tax revenue to a county that could really use the boost to their economy.

I found it odd to witness over the years environmental groups who are totally apposition to any new or existing mining, who drive their Subaru SUV's, talking on their iPhones and building presentation with their computers while living and working in their homes and offices which none would not be possible with out mining. I guess it must be acceptable to them to allow foreign counties with less environmental restrictions and regulations to mine and provide the USA with our needed raw materials to operate in this modern day and age. I urge to make the right decision to support the Stibnite mine for the betterment of our country, Idaho and Valley county.

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