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Comments: Dear Payette National Forest Supervisor,

As a lifelong resident of Alaska, my family and my state have long enjoyed the benefits that responsible resource development brings to our State with high paying local jobs, and more local business for everyone.

My brother lives in Idaho and is also supportive of this essential development.

The project is estimated to employ 400-500 employees during construction and operations. Payroll is expected to exceed \$34 million. These numbers do not even capture the indirect jobs I am confident nearby towns will see from the Stibnite Gold Project.

Now is the time to responsibly develop natural resources for essential metals like gold that are required for our country to move to alternative energy sources. Now is the time to help a local economy bring jobs back and begin recovery from the impact of the global pandemic economic crisis in a long lasting way.

I hope you will support moving this essential project forward.

Respectfully,

Kelly Droop

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