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Comments: I am filing this letter with the U.S. Forest Service (District 4), Payette National Forest, as part of the review process for the Stibnite Gold Project (SGP). This project is located in the vicinity where I live and work- and enjoy the outdoors.

As I recognize, mining has long been part of Idaho' s history and the Stibnite region has been extensively mined by previous generations. What benefited our region and nation in the past has left a troubled environmental legacy. The damage to the landscape is plain to see: river streams should not terminate in abandoned mining pits. There are also unseen problems, such as the leaching of hazardous mining waste into area soil and water.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement thoroughly details these and other environmental issues- and analyzes how the proposed SGP would address them. Alternative 2 is the best option for environmental remediation and reclamation-and it also reflects the input of the local community.

Alternative 2 provides the best option for removing and storing hazardous waste that has been putting antimony and arsenic into water for decades. This plan also includes restoration of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River-to the benefit of both fish and anglers.

As part of the SGP, mining company Midas Gold will also be responsible for mitigation and restoration related to its new mining activities. As I understand, financial assurance in the form of a bond payable to the U.S. Forest Service would guarantee this work is completed.

We cannot totally undo the impact of past mining activities, but we can make progress in repairing and reclaiming the land- if the will and funding are there. SGP Alternative 2 provides both-and it should be approved as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration.