

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. I've had the opportunity to hear presentations on the project. It is with this knowledge that I encourage you to move the project forward. Authorizing this project will alleviate severe environmental impacts from the lightly regulated mining projects from the past.

Looking at landslide and avalanche data, it becomes obvious why the USFS named the Burntlog Route as its preferred alternative. According to the SDEIS, the Johnson Creek Route has 45 landslide and 94 avalanche paths. While these natural hazards aren't eliminated on Burntlog, they are reduced. Mine traffic will only have to pass 26 landslide and 38 avalanche paths while traveling on the Burntlog Route. Simply put, the Burntlog Route is safer. In fact, the SDEIS concludes utilizing Johnson Creek would increase the potential for accidents and spills associated with the project because of naturally occurring geohazards.

This Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. Please permit the 2021 Modified Mine Plan and move the project forward so America can reap the positive impacts.

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