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Comments: I can understand why many are strongly in favor of those alternatives which would allow for greatly increased production of ore from the Stibnite mine property.

However, each of the first four alternatives will result in significant adverse impacts which will last for many generations, if not longer. I urge that these impacts not be disregarded.

Consider these impacts if mining activity is increased as proposed:

*There will be contamination of surface and ground water by the introduction of mercury and other damaging chemical elements;

*There will be destruction and elimination of wetlands;

*There will be disturbance and elimination of stream habitats for salmon, trout, and other aquatic species;

*There will be the removal and destruction of approximately 250 acres of whitebark pine habitat;

*There will be intrusion and interference with tribal rights to free access and use of this land.

Therefore, I urge adoption of No Action, Alternative #5, to avoid further adverse impacts on public lands and waters.

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