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Comments: I am an experienced geotechnical engineer who specializes in the design of containment systems for mining projects throughout the western U.S. I have designed, constructed, and reclaimed numerous tailings embankments, waste rock storage facilities, and mine facilities in Idaho, Nevada, California, Colorado, and Washington during my career of over 40 years. I am also familiar with the legacy issues that are present at the Yellow Pine pit and the general need to remediate the site.

As an informed citizen, I would like to express my views on the proposed redevelopment of the Stibnite Mine as presented in the DEIS as follows:

- 1) The technical aspects of the project appear complete and well documented.
- 2) The conceptual design of the tailings storage facility (TSF) located upstream of the development rock storage facility is sound. The combination of storage of both types of mine waste products will minimize risk during operation and will provide long-term benefits following closure.
- 3) The design of the TSF is well done and will be compliant with IDEQ and Idaho Dam Safety requirements.
- 4) Alternative 2 appears to be the best alternative for the development of the project.
- 5) The overall project will have net environmental benefits for the immediate area and will have very positive economic benefits to the citizens of Idaho and the United States.

My professional opinion is that the DEIS should be approved and finalized as soon as the regulations allow. The biggest risk to any large mining endeavor is the loss of financial support to develop the property due to delays in obtaining necessary approvals. The Stibnite Gold Project should move forward without delay.