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Comments: I am a property owner in Thunder Mountain estates with property that backs up to the Warm Lake highway. I am very concerned that the high transmission line which will be within 40 feet from our cabin will threaten my family's health, tear up a significant part of my property, and would seriously damage my property value. I support the Thunder Mountain Estates Bypass that is offered in alternative 2 of this EIS. In fact, the only way I would support any part of this project would be that the transmission line be moved.

When it comes to the proposed road, I support alternative 4 since I do not see any indication of using the Lick Creek Summit road which is far less miles than Cascade to Landmark to Stibnite. I am opposed to any use of the Burnt Log road as it will create the potential for harm to the wilderness area adjacent to that road and will significantly impact hunting and camping in that area. The Frank Church wilderness should be protected above all other concerns. That is the area my family uses to access the wilderness, to camp and recreate and to hunt and fish. Huge mining equipment and significant traffic would destroy those experiences and possibly degrade streams and force wildlife to other areas, difficult to access.

I am married to a geologist who worked at the Stibnite project and others and I have seen how companies say they will do reclamation and then walk away from the projects. This EIS shows a commitment to cleaning up past projects' damage but it seems like a huge undertaking and should be built in stages and reclaimed in stages.

McCall-Cascade are communities that extol their recreational opportunities and the ability to enjoy isolated recreation not far from home. Every effort should be made not to impact fisheries, wildlife and non-motorized recreation nor historic tribal fishing rights. Mining brings economic benefits which only last as long as the mine gets high value for the products it produces. Tourism has sustained Valley County as it has lost much of its logging legacy.

In closing, while I support mining at the Stibnite site, I can only support alternative 4 if the transmission line is moved. The smallest footprint is the only way for this project not to impact the other industry tourism- which will need to support these communities long after mining has ceased.