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Dear Supervisor Jackson:

The urgent need to transition to a cleaner energy economy requires near-term development of new sources of the many raw materials required to enable this transition. The antimony that will be co-extracted alongside gold and other valuable elements at the Stibnite Gold project has an important role to play in enabling this transition.

As a long-time Idaho resident I'm well aware of the decades of mining that occurred at the project site and the legacy of environmental damage that remains. The Stibnite Gold project will can actually leave the impacted area better off by providing the resources necessary to both protect and improve the local environment while creating hundred of well-paying, long-lasting jobs.

The Supplemental Draft EIS clearly demonstrates that the project can be conducted in a way that will leave the area better off than it is today while helping to meet important local, regional and national priorities. I urge you to expeditiously complete the NEPA process and issue a favorable Record of Decision so that this important project may proceed as soon as possible.

With best regards,

John Kotek
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