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Comments: Dear Supervisor Jackson,

As a longtime resident of McCall, I stand strongly against the current plan to mine for gold at Stibnite. I have been a part of this community for 20 years as an educator and coach at McCall-Donnelly High School. What makes this town and community special is our clean air and water, of course. It is what draws newcomers and visitors to our valley. However, as all of us who have lived here for many years know, it is the stable, healthy community of interested and involved residents that makes this a wonderful place. My wife and I have raised our children here for those exact reasons - the clean air and water and, more importantly, the supportive community. If this mine becomes a reality, much of this could come to an end.

As I am sure you know, mining operations are short-term and short-sighted enterprises. They come into communities and bring quick influxes of cash to the local economy. Just as quickly as they come, they then leave, creating a boom-bust economic cycle. This is not what drives the McCall economy. This is not what we have come to know and love in our community. This is not what any of us wants McCall to become. The towns that face these terrible fates become empty shells of their former selves.

I know you will read letters commenting on the deleterious effects to the fisheries, wildlife, even the roads from Stibnite to McCall or Boise and beyond. These are all legitimate and important concerns. However, for me and the people I have been surrounded by for the past two decades here in McCall, the most immediate and pervasive impact will be the disruption to our community - the schools, the hospitals, the civic organizations. The SDEIS does not sufficiently address these very real concerns. Please don't allow McCall, Cascade, or any other town around here to become a mining town.

Sincerely,

Ted McManus