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Comments: Ms. Linda Jackson

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Re: Submission of Evaluation of the Socio-Economic Impacts of The Proposed Stibnite Mine as comments to the US Forest Service regarding the SDEIS.

Dear Ms. Jackson:

I am strongly opposed to the proposed Stibnite Gold Mine for many reasons. The most concerning factors are the economic and environmental impacts this project could permanently wreck for not only long time residents, but also countless numbers of tourists, seasonal workers, and all who come to visit and appreciate our beautiful wilderness. I'm a fifth generation McCall resident and even entertaining the thought of opening the Stibnite Mine again for gold extraction is upsetting enough. The economic welfare of McCall and Valley County in general would suffer a great deal if the Mine were to open for "business". Affordable housing is already in a state of dismay all over Valley County and extreme competition for workers is worse. The boom and bust of a mine this size would only exacerbate the current state of housing, employment and wages.

Major waterways that I hold dear to my heart are almost guaranteed to be harmed along with everything that water touches. They also fall subject to much more traffic, pollution, and overall destruction. As a child, and still today, I enjoyed fishing the South Fork of the Salmon and recreating with family and friends near the proposed mine. One day I plan to take my children there to enjoy its beauties and return generations later without toxic waste and decimated fish populations. This mine makes me fear that the South Fork Salmon, North Fork Payette, Little and Main Salmon drainages would never be the same if one small thing went wrong in its operation.

I recommend that you choose the "No Action Alternative" for this proposal.

Sincerely,

Todd Fereday