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Comments: As part-time residents of Yellow Pine (six to seven months per year), my wife and I are adamantly opposed to the Stibnite/Johnson Creek haul road alternative, primarily due to the increased safety risk and noise levels associated with that alternative. Adding an additional 65 to 68 SGP vehicles per day (45 of which are HV vehicles) to these two roads over the next several years will result in unacceptable traffic delays, traffic accidents, property (vehicle) damage, personal injury and possibly fatalities to not only the SGP vehicle drivers, but also to the general public and others who use these roads to access the general area during the summer and fall months.

Selection of this alternative will, we believe, also result in an increase in the volume of traffic...thus an increase in the risk of vehicle accidents...on the South Fork of the Salmon River road as travelers to and from the Yellow Pine and Big Creek areas seek to avoid an increase in traffic caused by SGP vehicles on the Johnson Creek road. Although the South Fork road is paved, it is still a single-lane road with several "blind curves," steep elevational changes and limited "pull-outs." The potential increase of traffic on the South Fork road, as well as associated safety risks, should have been addressed and evaluated as part of the Johnson Creek Road alternative in this SDEIS.

In addition to the increased safety risks associated with the Stibnite/Johnson Creek road alternative, we are opposed to the inevitable increase in noise levels associated with those 45 heavy vehicles per day driving adjacent to residences, campgrounds and the village of Yellow Pine.

If you must approve this project, we request you select the Burnt Log Haul Road alternative which, by your analysis, will have less impact on transportation safety and no adverse noise impacts on the residents of Yellow Pine.