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Dear Ms. Jackson,

Valley County's economy is supported immensely by visitors and recreational use. The economic risks of this mining project don't make sense. Valley County will not see much of the money generated by the mine, but will be expected to provide services that will overwhelm our already overloaded systems, including medical resources, housing availability, schools, emergency services, etc. The DEIS and SDEIS addresses so-called benefits to Valley County, but not the costs that will be incurred by residents.

As far as environmental impacts, just look at the facts. Tailing Storage Facilities DO fail and those failures have been increasing, rather than decreasing, for years. Why even consider putting our beautiful, clean waterways at risk so that some big company can get rich?

One more thing that is a big issue is that our roads will not be safe. There will be a large increase in heavy vehicles ALONG OUR RIVERS AND STREAMS and the risk of hazardous spills is almost a given. Our roads and highways are already crowded and mining traffic will increase that by a big percent. The potential for increased traffic accidents is enormous. Also, having a haul road that borders the Frank Church Wilderness is something that should not even be considered.

Please protect this beautiful place we all love and reject the Stibnite Gold Project Proposal.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Ruhkala