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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally object to the Stibnite Gold Project EIS #50516 on the basis of the significant and unresolved environmental and social concerns that threaten the ecological integrity of the surrounding region. As previously documented, the scale of potential environmental harm from mining activities in such a sensitive ecosystem is both unprecedented and unacceptable.

This objection is grounded in my specific concerns, which include:

- 1. \*\*Environmental Degradation\*\*: The potential for water contamination from tailings and other byproducts of mining poses a grave threat to local rivers and streams. Despite assurances in the EIS, the mitigation measures outlined remain inadequate to prevent long-term damage to aquatic ecosystems that are critical to both biodiversity and local communities.
- 2. \*\*Impact on Wildlife\*\*: The proposed project is located within critical habitats for several endangered species. The EIS fails to fully address the impact on these species, and the protections suggested are insufficient to guarantee their survival in the face of large-scale industrial activity.
- 3. \*\*Social and Economic Costs\*\*: The purported economic benefits of this project are vastly outweighed by the long-term social and environmental costs. Mining projects of this nature often leave behind a legacy of pollution and community disruption that local populations must bear for decades, if not longer.

Moreover, I am concerned that new information has emerged regarding the project's potential environmental impact since the previous comment period. Specifically, recent scientific studies on the cumulative effects of mining in similar environments suggest that the Stibnite Gold Project could result in far more extensive damage than the EIS acknowledges.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to reconsider this project and ensure that the concerns raised by myself and others are given the full attention they deserve before any further action is taken.