

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my support for the Stibnite Preferred alternative. This project has to be one of the most studied and scrutinized projects in Idaho history. Every possible scenario has been analyzed and all studies support development of the mine for long term stability of the river and salmon recovery. The economic benefits to the state of ID are icing on the cake and are real benefits to the local community.

This project should be supported by all agencies involved and given the green light for development. My only concern is that the operating requirements levied against the project will hamstring it and prevent full economic benefits from being realized. This project will ultimately stabilize the drainage basin being currently impacted by historical mining practices that were sanctioned by the federal government. The tribes and NGO's are basically wrong about this project and their concerns should be thrown out the window.

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