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I have been involved in the gold mining business for over 35 years. I have analyzed and invested (personally and on behalf of organizations I have worked for) in dozens of companies and projects. Rarely have I seen a project as multifaceted in terms of its significance as the Stibnite Gold Project (EIS # 50516). Firstly, the Project is expected to produce over four million ounces of gold bolstering the wealth of the Valley County in the Great State of Idaho, the State of Idaho itself and the United States of America. Secondly, approximately \$1 Billion will be invested in construction providing approximately 500 direct and a similar number of indirect jobs. These jobs would not be there without the Stibnite Project. Thirdly, the Project will mitigate decades of environmental disturbances caused by many years of mining. Specifically, it will improve water quality by reprocessing and safely storing millions of tons of accumulated tailings, restore fish migration to spawning grounds where access has been blocked for decades, restore the Salmon River to support fish passage after years of pouring into an abandoned mining pit and create dynamic ecosystems that are sustainable for many years to come. Rarely, if ever, there could be a project that could be developed to accomplish so many objectives aimed at improving the environment. Fourthly, the Project will serve as the only source of mined antimony, a critical mineral needed for important technological, industrial and defense applications.

I strongly endorse the Stibnite Gold Project and recommend its final approval. It's critically important for the local community, the State of Idaho and the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted,

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