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Thank you in advance for considering my comments on the proposed Midas Project at Stibnite.

I support the opportunity for Midas to create jobs and conduct much needed restoration work at Stibnite.

I believe that the Burnt Log Road is a good supply route to Stibnite.

However, access from Yellow Pine to Thunder Mountain needs to be maintained similarly to what is currently available. Either by a series of temporary roads across Stibnite Mine, or via an upgraded Sugar Creek Road (which qualifies for RS-2477 designation and an FRTA Easement to Valley County) which would support two wheel drive traffic.

I have spoken to the owners of Cinnabar on multiple occasions, and they are upset about the Forest Service unlawfully removing Sugar Creek Road from the public domain in violation of 36 CFR, Section 216. In that the Forest Service offered ZERO public comment periods required by NEPA and other federal laws, before the Payette National Forest supervisor and district ranger unilaterally declared it "closed".

More cooperation needs to exist between the Forest Service and the nearest affected community. Aka, Yellow Pine.

Midas Gold is an excellent partner for the community of Yellow Pine, and a welcome addition to Valley County.

Hopefully the town of Yellow Pine, Midas Gold and the Forest Service can come together on a plan of maintaining vital access to Stibnite and Thunder Mountain from Yellow Pine.

And just maybe the Forest Service can work on trying to save face by LAWFULLY returning Sugar Creek Road to the public domain, where it has always been.

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