

As a former Valley County commissioner and former member of the Midas Gold Board, I would urge the United States forest service to approve this project. The economic impact on the vicinity would be huge! I was raised in Valley County and am very aware of the detritus left by former mining companies in the stibnite area and what is now called a "Gloryhole." This project remains the one possible solution for all of this mess that was left behind.

I believe with Perpetua's master plan, and with diligent oversight by government agencies, the environment can be protected and, in fact, improved. I urge that the Forest Service continue with its due diligence on this project with the final result of its approval.

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