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Comments: As a resident of Valley County, I would like to encourage the USFS to place special emphasis on both the economic and environmental clean-up aspects of the Stibnite Gold Proposal. Given the potentially significant positive economic and environmental impact the project would have on Valley County, it appears that everyone would come out a winner if the Proposal moves forward. By first focusing your evaluation on these aspects of the plan, it can be determined if this is indeed the case. The economy of Valley County could certainly use a project such as this one to provide better paying, longer lasting employment, along with additional sources of income for area businesses. In addition, the unmitigated environmental damage at the old mine site will continue to present a problem until it is directly addressed. Certainly the Federal government is not in a position to fund the cleanup of the site given current EPA funding levels.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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