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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment during scoping on the Stibnite Gold Project.

I have reviewed the Plan of Restoration and Operations and toured the project area just under a year ago.

What struck me was the contrast in the site compared to some of the areas that are a mere 20 minutes away from the area that the Stibnite Gold Project is located. Though I am no scientific expert, there were clear signs of erosion, diversion of water passageways and change in coloration presumably due to the previously processed metals. It is concerning to think that without any alternative proposal, this site will remain this way and no one will come to reclaim or rehabilitate the contaminated area.

The Stibnite Gold Project is proposing to mine this site-but more importantly, to clean up the area in a safe, responsible and economically beneficial way. I am not aware of any other proposals from the government or private sector that would accomplish this.

It is my understanding that Midas Gold has spent many years doing baseline work and studying the environmental conditions at site, and that they have incorporated that into their Plan of Restoration and Operation. Additionally, they seem to have stuck to the highest level of standard in terms of safety, practicality, and minimal disturbance. The proposal to use Burntlog Road has been of particular interest-though it is perhaps not convenient to use that road during operations, it is the best option of what is available. There have been numerous trade-off studies (traffic congestion, safety, viability, etc) that have shown that this is the best alternative-not allowing for the use of this road could make it less viable for Midas Gold to be able to implement the plan they are proposing.

In sum, the proposed Plan of Restoration and Operation is a comprehensive, well thought out, and fulsome study that reasonably justifies all the proposals set in it. I would urge you to work with Midas in approving the proposal.