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Comments: I am responding to the recent issues during the Scoping process regarding the Midas Gold Proposal for mining in the Stibnite Area. In no way do I want to prohibit them from their goals with the project but equally, I don't want them to prohibit us who live here in Yellow Pine and those that visit, to no longer be able to enjoy access to some of our favorite areas.

It's not in the best interest of our community and the public to block access to areas that we currently have for recreation, hunting, fishing, and other natural resources. I am aware that others are writing letters during this scoping period and equally I know that various suggestions regarding road closures and access have been suggested as an alternative that would be beneficial and acceptable to both parties. I am urging you to strongly consider these alternatives as you progress forward, especially those that discuss "TEMPORARY" road accesses.

Midas Gold may not be here years from now, but our families will, and the spectacular area surrounding us will remain as we continue to preserve it in the correct manner. This includes allowing access to actually enjoy it instead of blocking off areas we have enjoyed over the years.

Midas Gold and the Village of Yellow Pine have been supportive of one another and it is my hope that with your assistance in re-evaluating the current proposals, we can all work together to reach a happy medium as you consider the letters and proposals that are being offered and suggested during this scoping period.

Specifically, the gates that have been proposed at Sugar Creek and Stibnite road diverting all traffic to Burnt Log Road is NOT a solution that makes any sense whatsoever and only benefits Midas Gold who as mentioned earlier, might very well not be here in the future, but the ramifications of your decisions will be, and the public will suffer because of it.

Mining companies are in existence for several reasons and the first and foremost is to make money. This is done in several ways - by having it as a tax write off in some cases - to make it appealing enough to be bought out in others - and by actually being able to extract the resources from the area to be sold. I'm supportive of Midas's efforts but not at the expense of our community and land access.

Please reconsider a counter proposal, have Midas Gold Idaho place "Temporary" roads through the mine allowing citizen access to the east that they have always enjoyed. All would benefit from something so simple.