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

I feel confident in the company's plan to use Burntlog Road and limit the number of daily trips. Midas plans to bus employees into the site and have them stay there during their shifts. This seemingly small decision will greatly reduce the number of vehicles on the road and help prevent accidents. The route the company chose also keeps vehicles away from the river and limits stream crossing. This will help to keep sediment out of our community's waterways and prevent potential spills. If the company continues to use Johnson Creek Road and Stibnite Road to get to site, they will be traveling directly next to the river for approximately 40 miles. Using Burntlog Road, and the historical routes miners used to get to Thunder Mountain in the late 1800s, is a much safer choice for our community.

This is the type of project our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to pick this route as the preferred alternative moving forward.