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Comments: My name is Jim Hinson and I have resided in Valley County for 17 years. I am a local business owner and avid recreationalist. I have enjoyed exploring the Stibnite area for all of these years and have been a first hand witness to all of the improvements Midas Gold has made to the Stibnite mine area and our community.

Improvements:

Years ago when we first moved here, we used to explore the old mine ruins at Stibnite year after year. It was fun to explore around and look at all of the old buildings and equipment in and around the mine. After Midas Gold came in, we quickly noticed all of the improvements to the Roads, landscape and streams that have been on going over the last 8 + years. The site looks nothing like it used to, and even though it is bitter sweet to lose the old Mine to explore, one can't help but notice the dramatic improvement to the environment they have made. A business owner like me can greatly appreciate the amount of capital investment this requires on a project that is not a "Sure thing". It takes an amazing commitment to be willing to invest millions of dollars to date and not be assured they will be able to re-coupe the investment. Midas Gold has demonstrated this time and time again.

Economics:

Midas Gold has had a profound impact on my business and several other businesses that I have talked to over the years. The fact that they do everything they can to support local businesses, charities and city governments, speaks volumes about their character. If you were to go out and talk to all of the people who have benefitted or have been positively impacted from their existence here, you would be amazed. You need to really understand that we can't live in a world where we shut out core industries. It is your duty to act in the best interest of the community where our people have a chance to better themselves through employment and indirect employment that can thrive from allowing Midas Gold to operate in Stibnite.

Conclusion:

We all have seen the amazing things Midas Gold has done, and we have all read and followed what they are proposing to do. They have left us with no doubt that they will follow through on the commitments they have proposed. To stop this project would be a horrible missed opportunity. They are excellent stewards of the land and have proved that over and over again. We need to operate this mine and allow them to change the perception that all mining is destructive. We are lucky to have them here and should be thankful that they have been willing to do whatever necessary to make this project safe to the environment and economically beneficial to all of our surrounding communities.