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First name: Yellow Pine Tavern

Last name: LLC

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Attention Linda Jackson,

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of the National Environmental Policy Act.

As it stands today, the Stibnite Gold Project site is a brownfield site. The U.S. government tried to restore the area years ago but the work that was done didn't go far enough. The old tailings piles left by previous mining companies are still unconstrained and therefore present a risk of leaching minerals into nearby streams and the groundwater. Under Alternative 2, Midas Gold will pick up and reprocess these legacy tailings, which will reduce long-term metal loading in the ground and surface water (DEIS 4.9). This would be a huge win for the site because today arsenic and antimony levels far exceed human health standards at multiple points across the site. Midas Gold's water treatment during operations will further lower levels of these metals in the river and cause concentrations to be below the current baseline conditions (DEIS 4.9-70). Each year, hundreds of tons of sediment continue to be dumped into the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River and other water ways from Blowout Creek, impacting water quality and aquatic habitat. And fish still are not able to swim past the Yellow Pine pit to their natural spawning grounds. When fish are reconnected to more habitat upstream, 4.2-39 of the DEIS shows it will increase productivity and diversity of these isolated populations. This area needs to be remediated and Midas Gold has a plan to do it the right way.

Thank you for reviewing my comments. Again, I urge you to permit Midas Gold's carefully thought out plan as outlined under alternative 2.

I am in agreement with the above comments which is the main reason for my support of Midas Gold's operation at the Site. I wish to further comment that in the original proposal Midas wanted to cut off access from Yellow Pine to the Stibnite Road. A committee was formed of which I was a member feeling it was important for my business to keep the road open. Many of my customers and residents of Yellow Pine journey up to Cinnabar, Meadow Creek, Roosevelt Lake, Thunder Mountain and overlook the wilderness a nice day trip from here. I was impressed by the caliber of folks we dealt with in our negotiations, Anne LaBelle, MacKenzie Lyon, Laurel Sayer and others. Furthermore I have dealt with other mine employees that are currently stationed at the mine and all are top notch folks, concerned and caring, helpful to our community. Ultimately we reached an agreement of access to the area to be added to the proposal of which alternate 2 is the result. Please seriously consider alternative 2.

Respectfully,

Lorinne N. Munn

Owner of Yellow Pine Tavern

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