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Comments: I worked for Midas Gold at Stibnite for 5 years during the exploration phase of the project. Since leaving the company, I have been involved with several other mining related projects and companies. I will forever use my experience at Midas as a basis for the type of quality that a company should put forward while trying to navigate the very difficult process of opening a mine in this country.

From the first day, the emphasis was towards safety, community and environmental standards. Many critics will push to halt this project, but if our society continues to be a consumer and material-hungry society, we need companies like Midas that will keep up with all environmental standards and go beyond them. They have highly skilled and progressive minded employees that will do it right. When I say progressive, I truly mean the definition of progress. Progress towards an environmentally oriented way to extract the materials that our country needs. Again, I emphasize that I have used the environmental standards learned at Stibnite in EVERY SINGLE JOB I have held since leaving the company.

When the mine opens again, this company will be able to bring that kind of quality to a new generation of locals, which in turn will be able to bring that new skill set and those environmental standards back home to their own communities and beyond.