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Comments: Dear US National Forest Service Staff,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as it will directly impact me and my access to the backcountry.

The Stibnite Gold Project is an opportunity to address high amounts of sedimentation and drainage of the wetlands that happened as a result of the dam failure at Blowout Creek in the 1960s. This has caused extensive, ongoing erosion for decades and the effects are concerning for fish habitat and water quality. Midas Gold intends to address these issues by repairing the damage and installing a French drain at the site of the old dam to permanently keep sediment out of the river and restore wetlands. According to the U.S. Forest Service's own draft environmental impact statement, their plan for mitigation and restoration will help address this issue. Chapter 4 states that proposed mitigation will provide 1:1 replacement of wetland acres (4.11.2.3.1.1-2).

Reviewing Midas Gold's plans it is clear to me the company really believes in taking care of the environment and keeping the community safe. I urge you to permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative two and keep this project moving forward. The comment period has been extended by 15 days once already, please keep the comment period to 60 days, so we can prevent additional delays.

I have personally visired the site, it is my opinion that the above plan does more to restore that area and improve the future water quality than not moving forward.