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Comments: I work for Western State CAT and have had the pleasure of working with Midas Gold for several years. Their Plan of Restoration and Operations is a fantastic opportunity to clean up a historical mine site and bring economic opportunity to the region.

The old Stibnite mine site will likely never be cleaned up unless industry takes responsibility for those who came before them. Midas Gold plans to do just that. By mining the site, Midas Gold plans to restore the natural flow and gradient of the East Fork of the South Fork to reconnect historical spawning grounds. The company will repair blowout creek, permanently solving a source of massive sedimentation and habitat degradation. Plus, in reprocessing and repurposing millions of tons of spent ore and unconstrained tailings, Midas will safeguard water quality indefinitely.

2014 figures from the Pre-Feasibility Study (PFS) show it would cost ~\$1.1 billion to construct the Stibnite Gold Project and another ~\$230 million each year for operational expenditures. It will also bring over 1,000 jobs to the region with an average annual salary of roughly \$80,000.

It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to continue to move the project forward and permit the site using alternative 2 as the guide.