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Comments: As a homeowner in Yellow Pine, I have been following Midas Gold's efforts at Stibnite and have now carefully reviewed the 2020 PRO. Nothing in it concerns me as being lacking or not fully thought out — which doesn't surprise me, as I've been quite impressed with Midas personnel's thoroughness and careful commitment to both environmental matters as well as incorporation of community input for the good of all parties.

I had an extensive tour of Midas's Stibnite operations a few years ago, and several things stick with me in particular: 1) how small and only-slightly-blemished their exploratory drilling pads were, and how they were cleaned up, recontoured, and replanted as soon as not needed; 2) how most of the employees I met felt personally drawn to the area and were committed to both safety and environmental preservation to a degree that was very unexpected to me in mining personnel; 3) Midas's employment of a considerable, unmandated recycling program; and 4) the fact that Midas is so invested in the prospect of cleaning up the old, old mess left by other mining companies.

I have for years been concerned about the 'Glory Hole' (the lake that is in the old Yellow Pine pit), as well as the hideous scarring of the landscape around Stibnite in general. The East Fork river flows below my house in Yellow Pine, and of course I am interested in there being water in it as pristine as is possible, whether or not for fish. The fact that Midas's plan (even in its early stages) includes a 'fish tunnel' so that the former salmon run may be reestablished is icing on the cake, to me — because there seems to be no way that the East Fork can be truly 'clean' while all the remaining old toxic materials are left, in so many sites nearby, to degrade and leach out of the ground and eventually seep out of the Glory Hole into the river. Former efforts made to clean up some of these sites helped but simply did not come up to snuff. Midas's extensive plan to clean up these historic hazards is the number one reason I'm supportive of the Stibnite Gold Project (not to mention the extra burned forest revegetation work). No one else is going to provide this for Idaho. I have loved Stibnite as a historic spot, but since little evidence of the old Stibnite remains, I so look forward to seeing the area rehabilitated at the end of Midas's tenure there! I am also heartened by the bonding that Midas will be undertaking to ensure that this is done.

I appreciate Midas's work on rerouting road traffic away from the community of Yellow Pine ASAP, as well as their efforts to ensure that waters along the way are minimally impacted. I also very much appreciate their plan to build a lodge to house employees near the site, and to encourage them (as they have all along) to not spend their free time whooping it up in Yellow Pine. Midas employees have been good neighbors for the past several years (indeed, some live right next door to me there), and that speaks much for the integrity of the company and the seriousness with which it undertakes its pursuits.

I believe that this project is necessary to establish a U.S. source of the antimony, gold, and silver expected to be drawn from the Stibnite area. While it would be lovely not to have to dig things up to mine such metals, the metals don't come out on their own; and the Stibnite Gold Project seems to me to represent as nearest to ideal a scenario for obtaining them as is possible. Open pits aren't pretty — but they're surely safer for workers; and there have been open pits in that region for a century. The area surrounding a working mine isn't set up to be a tourist attraction, and the Stibnite Gold Project will not 'show' any more than what intrepid backcountry adventurers have seen since the early 1900s. Let's get this show on the road so it can be wrapped up as soon as may be!