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Comments: It is with great pleasure that I write to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in the Plan of Restoration and Operations during this public input process. I have personally met and known many Midas employees from the first day they drove into Yellow Pine. From that first day 10 years ago Midas has never waived from their goals and intent for this project. They have always been upfront and honest with everyone in the community.

Midas Gold has continually been there to support this community. Last year Midas donated \$10,000 to our water department for necessary work on old water supply lines. This donation allowed us to repair many of the leaks in our system. This year Midas donated another \$10,000 to repair some of the roads in the community. But not only those items, from the beginning Midas has been very supportive to the needs of Yellow Pine.

After reading through the alternatives proposed by the USFS, Alternative 2 the site would get the environmental attention that it needs. 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). Being on the water board in Yellow Pine, I really respect the plan to clean up the Stibnite area so the east fork of the south fork of the salmon river can run clean for many generations.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using the preferred alternative presented by Midas Gold, as expeditiously as possible.