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Comments: Dear Sir or Ms,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Midas Stibnite Gold plan. My comments are based on my experience as a Pennsylvania resident, white-water paddler, and environmental professional. The promise of good-paying jobs and a modern restoration sounds great. The price - open pit gold mining - might be acceptable. However, in Pennsylvania, many of efforts to exploit a degraded landscape end badly because the company doing the work is in it for the profit, not the environmental reclamation. When markets fall, the land suffers. In Pennsylvania we have many streams that run red and dead due to acid mine drainage from old abandoned coal mines. If this plan is allowed to go through, please determine a comprehensive reclamation plan cost and make sure that the bond posted by the company is sufficient to cover that cost. But, please consider not allowing this plan to proceed. The contaminants in question, mercury and arsenic, are known environmental bad actors. There is a reasonable likelihood that the mining activity will worsen, not improve the situation. Thank you.