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Comments: Roxie and I have watched Midas Gold the past few years as they were drilling in Stibnite and we feel they did a very environmentally sound job. In our opinion some of the things they did were way overboard.

We are very much in favor of this project as Valley County needs the tax base and employment. Right now Valley County does not have enough manpower or money to grade the Johnson Creek Road.

We are in favor of building the road high going up the Burntlog Road and coming out at Landmark. This will keep all the heavy traffic off the Johnson Creek road and should not harm any fish.

We are not in favor of closing the main road at Sugar Creek as it will make the trips to Cinnabar, Roosevelt Lake, The Dewey Mine, and the Sunnyside Mine a lot longer. In the past we have taken a truck load of horses to the trail head to Roosevelt Lake and then rode to the Catherine Lakes. Now all theses trips will be a lot longer. There should be some way to get tourists thru or build a new road close to the old one. I under stand there will be a trail that will go up Riordan Creek to Meadow Creek Lookout and then connect to the old Thunder Mountain Road to alleviate this problem but this route also will be a lot longer and as I understand the proposal the trail will not be for a sedan.

There should be an option for those living in Yellow Pine to get to Stibnite for work rather than driving all the way to Landmark and catching a bus that would then take them to Stibnite.

I have concerns about car, truck, traffic going down Warm Lake Summit in the winter. When Stibnite was operating in the 40's there were many accidents on that stretch of the road. There would have to be more guard rails put up as the pavement will be very slick.

By keeping the Warm Lake Road open you are restricting snowmobile traffic to our home, Yellow Pine, Big Creek, Deadwood, and Stanley. Another snowmobile route is now being considered going up Angles Flight from the Knox Ranch. This could be a very unsafe avalanche route.