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Comments: To Whom it May Concern:

When Midas Gold first introduced themselves to the Yellow Pine area, we were impressed with the scope of their plan, their stated concern for the preservation of our natural resources, and their concern for the well being of the Yellow Pine community. Having a residence on the river and below the Stibnite Road, we were also happy to hear of the Burnt Log route, that would alleviate the traffic and dust that would result from the increased traffic that would result from the project. What has us extremely upset is the proposal to "cut off" access to the very areas that have made this area so unique and spectacular.....for centuries, people have enjoyed the hiking, horseback riding, ATV, touring, fishing, hunting, and exploring that this part of the heart of Idaho has provided.....Yellow Pine has supported and been a significant part of Stibnite's mining history. To penalize the town and those individuals who have, for years, enjoyed access to this country is thoughtless, arrogant, and greedy. If a "new road" can be permitted to accommodate the traffic necessary to sustain a corporation, then, surely, a solution can be reached to ensure that a legacy of enjoying Idaho's wilderness can be reached. Blocking access to what people have appreciated and enjoyed, for years, will not endear either Midas Gold or the Forest Service to the thousands who visit and/or live in this area. Is this the legacy they want?