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Comments: Stibnite Gold EIS Scoping Comment

At this time, I have concerns & Strongly Disagree with some of the propose Stibnite Road Closure at Sugar Creek by Midas Gold Company. We agree with the mining operation that that will take place in the Stibnite Area & agree with the new propose haul road that will follow the ridge lines from Warm Lake to Stibnite.

1. A bypass road through the minding area is necessary for recreation opportunities and keeping Yellow Pine from being isolated.

a. At this time people using the East Fork Road from Yellow Pine the trip would be approximately 9 to 12 Miles.

b. If the Road is Closed the trip from Yellow Pine would be 26 Miles Down Johnson Creek Rd back To Warm Lake Then Another 30 to 35 Miles along the new access road back to Stibnite. (If Not More)

c. This would be a 70 to 75-mile trip to get to same point 9 to 12 miles away at this time.

d. I believe that a by-pass road can be made from the Sugar Creek Bridge around 99% of the Operational Mining Area by staying west of the exiting road.

e. The Forest Service & Midas Gold said that it was not possible because the road would need to go through a Roadless area. But according to the Forest Service District Ranger for the Payette National Forest Krassle Range District that, a road could go through a Roadless area if the road is classified as a temporary road. (This Was Stated at The Town Hall Meeting by The Forest Service Personal Conducted in Yellow Pine on Monday 17th 2017.)

f. Midas Gold Stated that it would be a safety risk for the public & mining personal if they interacted if a new road went through the propose mining area. If the road was placed properly through the Mining Area the only time that, there would be any interaction would be at the intersections. This Could Be Solved by Installing Stops Signs on the Public Side of The Road.

g. The Mining & Logging industries have been using and interacting on the same roads for more the 75 years safely. This will have to be apparent along the new 30 to 35 miles along the new road into the mining area.

2. The other problem with closing this road it is a county road with the county having a right-a-way through the mine to access to Thunder Mountain Area So how can this road be closed?