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Comments: I oppose the following components of the travel plan as presented at the public meeting in Yellow Pine on 7/17/2017. The paramount issue is that of access. The plan did not recognize, value, or accommodate historic visitor use that has accessed hundreds of thousands of acres of public lands through the existing arterial road system. The plan proposes to close this road access.

I am one of the lucky ones who had the pleasure of attending the Yellow Pine school in my early years. At that time we also had a church, library, organized children's activities, dances and live music, a post office, a busy store with a meat market, several restaurants to choose from, great rooms in the hotel, many families and a record number of visitors on weekends either passing through or enjoying paradise.

Your plan has the potential of destroying the community of Yellow Pine and it's future. The proposal states if I am visiting Yellow Pine, I would have to drive out Johnson Creek Road for 20+ miles, then go up Burnt Log Road another 20+ miles just to get on the other side of Stibnite, and then there would be several more miles to get to my destination. This would turn my visit into an 80+ mile round trip to get to the far side of Stibnite. Currently it is a 12-mile trip each way.

Not only would this deter visitors and mining personnel from using the services in Yellow Pine it would create a huge economic impact to the community and demolish the possibility of a bustling community where families could perhaps once again live and grow. Much of the support the mine has received is because of the potential that it has to restore the hopes and dreams of this beloved town.

N SUMMARY, I feel that without this newly proposed access from Yellow Pine to Stibnite, the town of Yellow Pine and historic recreational users will be significantly impacted. The current plan fails to recognize the historic and economic role of Yellow Pine in mining activities and recreational use. Please do not ignore the impacts that will fall upon this little mountain town that holds the hearts and souls of past and future generations.