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Midas Gold and their employees have been great neighbors to us. They have supported our local, family owned restaurant in Yellow Pine and been easy to work with on a personal level. I believe they have provided opportunity and listened to input about their plan from local communities while still playing within the lines placed by regulatory agencies. I am in support of Midas being granted the permits to mine, but believe there are some parts of the plan that need to be revisited and corrected before approval.

-Access to Monumental Summit should not be restricted from Yellow Pine along the East Fork road. It does appear there are viable alternatives on the Sugar Creek side that would allow access through a mix of private and public land. Access could be accomplished by rerouting the public access road thru areas that stay closer to ridgeline and farther away from the stream to minimize sedimentation while also keeping the heaviest travel out of the Cinnabar mine site.

-I believe employees of the mine who want to live in Yellow Pine should be allowed to travel the East Fork road to be at home when they are not at work. This would promote a balanced, family oriented lifestyle that would help with employee health and retainment, also assisting to maintain vitality in Yellow Pine.

- The proposed snowmobile route needs to be looked at closer for increased exposure to avalanche hazard for recreationalists and trail maintenance workers. I believe the route is viable, but an increased focus on accurate and microscale avalanche forecasting for that area would be appropriate. During the period that Johnson Creek is to be plowed and open all winter, another route for snowmobile traffic to get into Yellow Pine ( or at least as close as is currently available) should be provided.

Thank You.

Matt, Heather and Skadi Huber

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