Data Submitted (UTC 11): 8/22/2020 7:18:23 AM
First name: Scott
Last name: Amos
Organization:
Title:
Comments:
I am a property owner in Yellow Pine. I grew up and went to school in Yellow Pine. I worked at Stibnite Mine for nearly a DECADE. Every member of my family worked at Stibnite. As much as I would love to see jobs return to the local community: I do not support Midas Gold. They are installing locked iron gates on public roads and deliberately shutting the public out of PUBLIC LANDS. Additionally, their plan to "restore" the site will do far more harm than good. Stibnite is a semi-dormant volcano, loaded in arsenic and mercury. Digging up the river, moving it around and putting it back cannot be done without dumping toxins in the river.

Those toxins were buried under hundreds of feet of silt when the dam failed on Blowout Creek in 1963.

I have personally sampled the water at Stibnite. It is currently within the EPA limits for drinking water. Every time someone starts digging to "fix" the river, it spikes in toxic heavy metals. You can dig to China and won't remove all the stuff buried there. Best to let sleeping dogs lie and go dig somewhere else.

Scott Amos