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Comments: The Village of Yellow Pine Association (VYPA) represents the full-time and part-time residents from Zena creek, Wapiti Meadows, and the Yellow Pine area, inclusive.

The VYPA proudly and emphatically expresses full support of the Midas Gold Idaho plan and Alternative 2 as outlined in the draft Environmental Impact Statement. The VYPA believes Alternative 2 to be the best solution to cleaning up and restoring the site.

Historical mining activities in the Stibnite area have devastated the fish habitat and polluted the soil and water. We believe Midas Gold should be permitted to proceed with Alternative 2 as outlined in the Draft EIS. This would restore the fish habitat that has been destroyed for decades, clean up and manage the ground and surface water, and reduce erosion and sediment in the watershed.

Reducing metals in the water; repairing degraded fish habitat; reducing sediment and erosion; and benefiting the economy are issues of concern to the VYPA members.

The current condition of the Stibnite area is appalling. It is not only an eye sore, it is dangerous to wildlife and humans. No one except Midas Gold has stepped up with a plan to restore the area. And to do so while helping the local and state economy, as well as the strategic military reserves is laudable.

The Village of Yellow Pine Association strongly urges you to permit Alternative 2 of the Draft EIS.