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Comments: Roxie and I are in full support of Midas Gold's Alternative 2 of the draft environmental impact statement.

Many people developed this country thru mining efforts and we fully support any continued mining activity by Midas's Gold or any other company or individual.

Midas Gold's efforts so far have greatly helped the economy of Yellow Pine, their residents, and Valley County, by creating jobs. We like and respect the fact that they are hiring local folks and business to do their work.

Roxie's grandparents moved into this country in 1924 and we have had a vested interest in this county and Yellow Pine since that time. We were here thru the operation of Stibnite in the 40's and fully supported that operation and all the operations since then.

We have made many trips to their current drilling operation and watched the way they conduct their operation and have not seen any instance where they are harming the environment.

There are only two counties in Idaho that do not get any property tax money for roads and Valley County is one of those. They always relied on money from logging and mining. Since there is no longer mining and logging the road department is going broke. Our roads are in horrible shape. This is only one instance where the mining operation would bring much needed money into valley county, the road department and Yellow Pine

We fully support the Chinook Salmon and all the recovery issues for the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River.

We also support the plan to build a road from the mine via the old thunder mountain road and the burnt log road to Landmark. This will keep the mine traffic off the East Fork and Johnson Creek roads thereby not harming any Chinook Salmon waters.