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Comments: Dear Ms. Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the U.S. Forest Service's permitting process. This is an important project for Valley County and will have a significant impact on the community. As someone who has lived & worked in the Yellow Pine area (and other Idaho wilderness areas) since 1971 (I graduated high school in Yellow Pine in 1973) I want to make sure the Stibnite Gold Project is done the right way.

In the time passing since the early '70s I've seen many things change in the Idaho Wilderness. Some good, most not so good. The recurring theme that keeps coming up is there is no money for forest roads. No money for forest roads is what is always said to be the reason for road closures. With that thought in mind why would we want to make another new road in a roadless area?

There already is a road from Landmark to Stibnite via Yellow Pine. It can be upgraded to serve Midas's purpose. This will cost a significant amount of capital. If the gold reserves in Midas's mineral claims are what they say they are, they will be able to afford these upgrades. It will take more time to get their project started but I think that is the price to do this project right.

I'm against any new roads being built to serve Midas when there is already a road doing so.

I support Midas in their quest to start mining operations at Stibnite whole heartedly. I just don't think we need any new roads put in the same as wilderness areas to do so.

So, I'm for alternative 4 for access to Stibnite from Cascade.

Thank you for providing me the chance to comment on this!

My best,

Doug Christison