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Comments: I ask that USFS and other governmental agencies reject the Stibnite Gold Project EIS #50516 proposal. We do not need more gold. Gold demand has declined slightly in the last 8 years.Increasing mining capacity of gold will decrease pressure on developing technologies to effectively recycle gold from electronics. The proposed Stibnite Gold Project will irreparably damage this wilderness area. The Environmental Impact Statement for this project acknowledges the damage to the river's water quality, the consumption of river water from mining activity, and the adverse impact to endangered fish species and habitat. There is also a very high probability of polluting the river - nearly all mining projects end up polluting waterways. Finally, the increased infrastructure and truck traffic negatively impact the surrounding wilderness area.

Midas Gold is a foreign company, with foreign investors that will disturb an important and pristine wilderness area in the United States of America. Once lost, this wilderness cannot be recovered.