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Comments: Having reviewed the Plan of Restoration & Operations and the DEIS, I strongly support the proposed mining activities associated with the Stibnite Mine.

As a geochemist and soil scientist involved in Abandoned Mine Land restoration activities throughout the western US, to have such a willing participant to actively addressing legacy issues that are independent of the proposed project is of great importance. This ensures that legacy issues are adequately addressed and tied into the closure and reclamation activities of this project.

As outlined in Chapter 4 of the DEIS, removal of legacy waste will reduce metal loading in both surface and groundwater and improve water quality in meadow Creek. Additionally, the removal of historical barriers to fish migration will be beneficial to the fish population.

Geochemical analysis has indicated that while some sulfides are present, the presence of significant carbonate minerals will support acid neutralization. Reclamation procedures are best proactive, including the adoption of progressive reclamation, ecological stream restoration.

This is a worthy project that I strongly support.