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Comments: I am writing to formally request an extension on the comment period for the Stibnite Gold Project DEIS to the full 120 days. The DEIS contains an enormous amount of information, thousands of pages of dense information and 45 days is not nearly enough time to digest it all and make an accurate assessment on which constructive comments can be based. Similar mining proposals have had comment periods at least twice as long. Additionally, we are in the midst of an incredibly important election year and the COVID pandemic has upended many lives in ways that create for far less free time than people would normally have to assess the impacts of such a significant project.

There has been evidence that Midas has been pressuring members of Congress, federal agencies, state lawmakers, and the Forest Service to approve this project in an expedited manner. An extended comment period is needed as evidence the USFS is ensuring a fair and legal process of public input, which is what we as taxpayers deserve.

Thank you for your consideration and thank you in advance for extending the comment period on this pivotal project.