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Comments: As an addendum/reference to my previously submitted comments on the Stibnite mining proposal by Midas Gold, I would like to emphasize the unsuitability of using the Johnson Creek Road for access to the mining site to any degree more than it is currently used. I would propose that none of the construction at Stibnite or the mining there commence until the Burnt Log route is complete and the traffic connected to those activities be routed directly to Stibnite via the Burnt Log Route from Landmark.

Any mining traffic transporting heavy equipment, chemicals, fuels, long/wide heavy loads using the Johnson Creek/EFSFSR access roads during the construction period would necessitate road alterations, and the use of that route that would threaten the biology of Johnson Creek and the EFSFSR, and add dangers to the many recreational users, businesses and property owners along this route. In spite of promises of 'short term' (2-3 years) use of this route, it would permanently alter the roads, the surrounding wild lands and important waterways that lie along its path.

In addition, the recreational use of the area and roads here, so important to Valley County and its residents and visitors, would be disrupted and endangered. These concerns, in all the alternatives, have not been adequately addressed in the DEIS thus far.

Please consider this operational restriction as a mitigating factor in the permitting of Midas Gold Stibnite. It would offer some relief to residents and recreationists from the overwhelming intrusion of this mammoth project into our 'backyard'.