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Comments: I submit these comments in support of the Midas Gold Project. My opinions are based on over 30 years experience with surface and underground mines in the USA and Canada.

Historical mining properties have always created significant environmental legacies. In Stibnite's case, the reservoir failure in 1965 was the most significant cause of degraded water quality and fish habitat. The spent ore disposal area continues to degrade water quality.

The solution is obvious . Remove and reprocess the tailings and restore the Yellow Pine Pit as proposed by Midas and repair the impacted waterways to improve water quality and fish passage . Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good.

The Midas proposal offers the most efficient, economical and timely way to accomplish that goal. Under current law, financial assurance is required to guarantee funding for reclamation and restoration. The company has stated that it will not be using a corporate guarantee. It will utilize traditional forms such as bonding and trusts.

In summery, allowing the private sector to address and remediate the legacy environmental issues associated with the project, while recovering valuable minerals important to society, is the best possible solution.