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How long is the Forest Service going to drag this out? What more is there left to decide? It seems clear to me by the amount of attention this issue has drawn and the thousands of public comments, (mostly opposed to the Stibnite mine approval) that this is a terrible idea and needs to be brought to an end. Perpetua resources/Midas Gold (or whatever name they decide to change to next), needs to be told NO once and for all! My tax dollars are being wasted on the deliberation of whether or not to approve Perpetua to come into the back yards of thousands of public land users and strip the land and taint the waters for a few people (who don't even live here and don't care about the mess they make) to get rich quick and walk away leaving another toxic mess for the public taxpayers to fix when they change the name of their company once again and claim bankruptcy. We've seen it over and over again with mining companies claiming to "restore the land" back to it's natural state and then walk away leaving a bigger mess than it was when they got there. If they promise to clean up the land then why don't we look at the cost of the thousands of other superfund sites across the country where the taxpayers have had to sport the bill for cleanup and make them front the money for the cleanup costs so that they can't just walk away? Or we could just tell them NO and be done with it.

Aside from the numerous environmental impact concerns that the mine poses, how about the impact on the roads and the wilderness area surrounding the stibnite site. Anyone who has ever driven to Yellowpine know's how long of a drive it is and how narrow and winding and treacherous the roads are. With the increased number of people recreating along the South Fork and Johnson creek the traffic congestion is already a hazard. Now let's think about adding the traffic of an operational mine and the number of large trucks and employees commuting to and from Stibnite and see what a disaster that becomes. Not to mention the increased risk of wildfire, avalanche control work along the roadways, and increased use in an otherwise quiet and remote recreational area. There are too many factors that make this a bad idea and outweigh the short term economic boost that only a few will benefit from.

Let's use common sense for once and protect what we have