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Comments: I would like to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project and encourage approval of the EIS and any other permit actions which may still be pending for the project. I am particularly glad to see the approach of concurrent mining and closure/restoration being employed in this instance as I feel this is a very efficient way to address historic mining disturbance where economic/strategic resources are still available. The requirements for financial assurance are also beneficial, allowing the disturbance to be addressed if not completed by the permitted operator. I hope that this project will be successful so that other states can use it in the future as a model for historic mine site reclamation where circumstances allow this approach to be used, without the need for significant public money to be expended in the process.