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Comments: I am going off my past letter, as I think USFS needs to take a close look at the travel to and from the mine and realize how impossible a route through Burnt Log Road would be. The original statement had said there would be 18" of snow on the road to plow. The closest snotel site in the area of deadwood shows an average of 42.1" of snow water equivalent. I can tell you that every time we go back there on snowmobiles, we have seen upwards of 67" of snow and can often times not even find the road as it has been drifted over with snow. There is no way that this road will be able to be maintained during the winter. There are parts of this road that go over 8,000 ft elevation, and when the road turns along north aspect slopes, there will be numerous avalanche slides that will close the road on a regular basis not to mention the amount of accidents that will happen, likely spilling toxic chemicals and fuel. I certainly hope USFS realize how close this is to wilderness boundary. Please explain why USFS requires an extensive NEPA study for environmentally very low impact nordic skiing and don't allow low impact mountain bike trails in certain wildlife habitats, but yet they will allow mass destruction, pollution and safety hazards in the wilderness. How is that allowed?

Now, lets discuss the warm lake road that goes up to Landmark. There are thousands of snowmobilers that use this road during the winter and at times it can be dangerous on a snowmobile, as it can get steep and has massive drop offs of a thousand feet or more on downslope side. If this road tries to get plowed and then freezes, this will be a major safety concern not to mention the fact that it will displace access for snowmobilers into the backcountry during the winter time. There are so many areas of concern, that I have a hard time focusing on just one. Above I have discussed the upper roads to reach the mine but now let's discuss big creek summit. Big Creek summit road gets a lot of traffic from all walks of life ranging from kayakers, bikers, ATV's, skiers, snowmobilers, hikers, campers, hunters, fishermen. I am an Idaho native and have been traveling this road with extreme caution every time I go back there, which is on average is 5-6 times/ year. I cannot imagine wanting to go near this road when I have to worry about the amount of traffic the Stibnite proposal will cause. Again, I am simply just touching on the basis of travel to and from the mine. There are so many aspect to this project that DO NOT make sense to move forward with. I can assure you that we the taxpayers and residents of this area will be the ones holding the bag. PLEASE take a step back and look around at how this project will impact our entire community all for the benefits of outside, out of our country investors. Do the right thing.