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Comments: The time is right for the Stibnite Gold Project-and Alternative 2 is the best approach available. I ask that you consider my comments below and please accept Alternative 2 to keep this project on track.

While I understand why some might be opposed to this project, their opposition is rooted in a misunderstanding of what a truly modern mining effort entail today. This would not be anything like the previous mining projects that took place at the Stibnite Mining District. It would be subject to some of the most demanding environmental and regulatory oversight in the world, and Midas Gold has already proven it is willing to go the extra mile to ensure complete transparency with local communities as well as regulators at every level.

Another thing that separates modern mining projects like this is that it comes with financial assurance. That is, Midas Gold will have already set aside the funds necessary for a third party to completely reclaim the site once they have completed their operations. According to chapter 2 in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, this financial assurance would provide adequate funding to allow the USFS to come in and completely reclaim the site after closure, including any water treatments, maintenance activities, and monitoring for as long as it takes until the site is back to its normal condition.

When compared to other alternatives explored by the Environmental Impact Statement, only Alternative 2 would offer the right mix of economic feasibility and environmental protection to get this job done right. I urge you to please accept Alternative 2 and allow this project to begin already.