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I am a resident of Valley County residing year round in McCall and am writing this email in support of Midas Gold's Stibnite Project. From a mining standpoint, the project is well thought out using existing modern mining technology to mine and process an ore body which is financially robust enough to not only provide a profit to investors, an above average salary to several hundred employs, a significant income from taxes to Valley County, and also pay for the cleanup of historic mine waste / tailings, and restoration of critical wildlife and fish habitat.

The [project.as](#) discussed in Midas Gold's Plan of Restoration and Operations will:

- 1) provide for cleanup and restoration of historic tailings some of which remain from 1940's era mining operations.
- 2) restore fish habitat and access to historic fish spawning grounds which have not been accessible to salmon since the late 1930's. A further favorable factor is that access to these historic spawning grounds will be completed prior to beginning mining operations.
- 3) backfill the Yellow Pine pit and re-route portions of the East Fork South Fork Salmon River above the pit to improve wildlife and fish habitat.

Other than minor remediation and re-routing of Meadow Creek very little restoration work has been completed at Stibnite since mining operations commenced in the early 1900's. Numerous attempts have been made to improve the area however necessary funds have always been lacking. There is now a private company willing to use profits from mining at Stibnite to restore the area, it would be very foolish of our state and nation not to take advantage of this to improve the environment in the Stibnite area.

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