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VALLEY COUNTY CITIZENS NEED MIDAS GOLD TO START HIRING AND RUNNING NOW! We have been waiting for Midas Gold to open for years! Stop hurting the working class citizens in Valley County and Idaho! Quit listening to people who are not even from this area or from those who are but have an agenda against Midas Gold and prospering the people and they are spewing lies! It is disturbing to have a few with an agenda to rule the majority and not allow the majority to enjoy supporting themselves and their families with a real living wage in our depressed and low income area.

I ask you to listen to the people who need these jobs and realize that what Midas Gold is a great opportunity for Valley County and Idaho! Stop listening to the liars and net sayers against Midas Gold and the working class people of Valley County and Idaho. When we visit the Project we see Positive things happening and are quite shocked at the lies being told to the people!

I am proud to submit my comments in support of Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state with an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and use private investment to clean up a brownfield site.

I agree with the following!

Midas Gold has made it clear reclamation efforts will start alongside operations. For example, before mining ever begins, fish will be reconnected to their native spawning groups upstream through a fish passageway. Eventually, the Yellow Pine Pit will be backfilled and the river can be permanently reconnected. Analysis in the draft Environmental Impact Statement showed removing existing barriers to fish migration will help Chinook salmon, bull trout and Steelhead. In fact, DEIS 4.12-39 says long-term access to blocked habitat would result in increased genetic diversity of isolated populations and productivity. They have worked to find safe access routes to the site that keeps vehicles away from our precious waterways. Additionally, under alternative 2, the company decreased traffic during operations by 26 percent by generating lime on site (table 2.3-2, 2.4-3, 2.3-8). Plus, the company is trying to minimize their impact on the environment by keeping facilities within the existing footprint of historic mining operations.

While the economic benefits of this project cannot be ignored, it also will transform an area in need for environmental repair. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward.

Most Respectfully,

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