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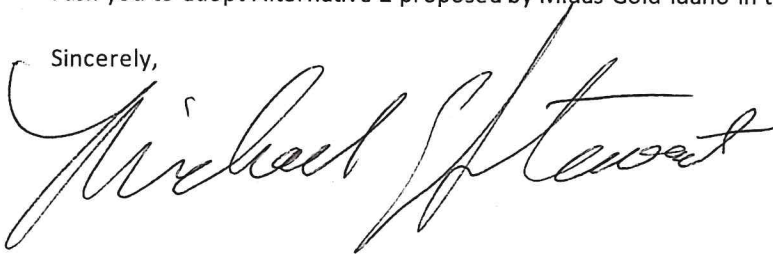
Thanks to Midas Gold, central Idaho has the chance to help restore natural lands that had been for centuries destroyed by bad actors in the mining industry. I am proud to support Midas Gold and their latest proposal which will help to restore the East and South Forks of the Salmon River to their natural locations.

Nearly a century's worth of mining groups came to Stibnite mine and had little to no regard for the natural waterways and environment they were disrupting. When tailings from mining sites increased, there were dramatic changes to things like the Salmon River, the waterway that salmon relied on to return to their spawning grounds each year. Currently, salmon are unable to swim back to their waterway due to the redirected East and South Forks of the Salmon River. However, Midas has a plan and is prepared to restore those natural waterways so that for the first time in generations, the local salmon population will be able to naturally migrate back to their spawning grounds.

Now, while these changes cannot occur overnight, Midas has spent time coming up with an interim solution as well. Spending millions of dollars in engineering, Midas has come up with a fish passageway that will allow salmon to safely return to their natural spawning grounds while the restorations take place at Stibnite mine. This fish passageway has been designed following all necessary guidelines and will offer a system to allow multiple different species of fish to travel through the fish passageway. While it had not been a requirement for Midas to spend millions on this idea, it is one of the numerous examples of good faith towards the local Idaho community throughout this approval process. Midas has proven they are a partner in our community and will go beyond their obligation to investors to leave behind a better ecosystem than they inherited.

I ask you to adopt Alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho in their Plan of Restoration and Operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael C. Stewart". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

MICHAEL C. STEWART