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Dear Linda,

As a relative of my cousin who lives in McCall and has actively supported the Midas Gold, Idaho Stibnite Gold project for several years, I wish to make favorable comments on the DEIS and its associated Alternative 2 currently proposed for adoption.

I have reviewed the online documentation at RestoretheSite.com and its associated websites and am quite impressed with the efforts to restore prior environmental damage and go far beyond by creating a new environment friendly to fish and other wildlife. The plans to re-create the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River are an exceptional way for any company to undertake such an interest in our environment. The use of underlayments to prevent toxic seepage after the old mine tailings are cleaned up, along with plans to fill in the existing Yellow Pine pit area are great steps toward restoring the area for wildlife and recreational use. The additional attention to improving highway infrastructure and avoiding inconvenience to outdoor enthusiasts while the project is underway is a good indication of the thought that has gone into the Stibnite Gold Project.

The entire DEIS, Alternative 2, seems almost too good to be true. The economics of restarting mining must be due to vastly improved modern mining technology. The jobs being created and the economic benefit to Cascade, McCall, and other surrounding communities make approval of this project imminent. Production of antimony and gold seem necessary to remove our dependence upon foreign sources. It is good to see financial plans are made to assure the restoration work will continue no matter what the outcome of the mining venture.

Please take this letter as my sincere wish to see the DEIS get passed and continue the Record of Decision work needed to get this project underway.

Eric