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Thank you for allowing me to comment on such a vital and worthwhile project. The Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho is one of the most beneficial business proposals to come to our regions in years. It is sure to help support a strong economy while ensuring environmentally-friendly practices and remediation of any damages to our natural surroundings, including any prior damages not caused by Midas Gold. After reviewing the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), I strongly support the plan that Midas Gold has put forward in their modified Plan of Restoration and Operations (MODPRO).

The Stibnite region is no stranger to mining operations, however, past miners have left the area in disrepair and in need of a great deal of environmental remediation. Notably, fish migration has been obstructed for over 80 years, yet, Midas Gold's plan examined in the EIS will include removing existing barriers to fish migration and re-establish salmon and steelhead passage to the headwaters of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River, thus reestablishing the fish's habitat and spawning areas. The EIS even says in Chapter 4 that the positive impacts of removing passage barriers would outweigh the potential negative impacts. On top of that, Midas Gold has committed the funds to ensure this happens even before beginning construction of the mine, highlighting the genuine care that the company has for our community and lands.

Midas Gold has also created a plan to build a state of the art Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) to ensure that the area remains protected from the hazardous byproducts of the mining operations, ensuring the safety of our land, water, and Idaho communities. The TSF will incorporate industry best practices to prevent accidents and leaking.

These are just two examples of the many benefits that the Stibnite Gold Project will bring to our region and the best practices and assurances that Midas Gold has given the people of Idaho. I'm confident that this project reflects the values of Idahoans and I would like to formally ask you to support Alternative 2 of Midas Gold Idaho's modified Plan of Restoration and Operations.

Sincerely,

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