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Usfs,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of Midas Gold Idaho's public permitting process. I've worked with Midas Gold in my role at Western State CAT and truly believe this project is a win-win for our state.

The Stibnite Gold Project will generate significant federal, state and local taxes over the life of the project. Estimate show the company will contribute \$86 million in state taxes over two decades. The economic benefits tied in with the environmental restoration of the site provide a win-win for the citizens who live in the surrounding communities, the state and the general population.

The restoration plan for the project is unprecedented. It will reconnect fish passage that has been blocked for over 80 years, clean up the largest source of sediment in the area and, under alternative 2, pick of legacy tailings and spent ore which will help to improve water quality.

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, using Midas Gold's preferred alternative, alternative 2.

Thanks Again,

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