

I appreciate this opportunity to offer my encouragement for you to permit the Midas Stibnite Gold Project to move forward and become a reality. Clearly the benefits produced by the Project strongly out-weigh any negative impacts that it may create, such as an increase in local traffic.

I lived with my family in a mining camp in Stibnite in the 1940s and revisited the area last year. I had the good fortune of spending the day with a Midas geologist who explained the Project plan, environmental restoration goals and the proposed methods and sequencing to achieve those goals. Collectively, this is a win-win for all the stake holders. The state and local economies will prosper, the environment will be returned to pre-1940's condition, hazardous leaching from the stockpiled tailings will end, rivers and streams will run clear, and the salmon will return to their old spawning grounds. These benefits should not become another lost opportunity.

Thank you for the thorough review of the Stibnite Gold Project. I urge you to now move forward and permit the mine using alternative 2, so Midas Gold can put Americans back to work.

Best Regards,

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