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Comments: My name is Andrew Brackebusch. Attached is my comment on the Stibnite Gold Project.

My name is Andrew Brackebusch and I am an Idaho resident and current student at Montana Tech of the University of Montana writing to express my support of Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project.

As a longtime resident of Idaho I have witnessed firsthand the prosperity that comes from the responsible use of our abundant natural resources. I have also seen how rural Idahoans suffer when these resources are neglected and good paying jobs are unavailable in our rural communities. I believe that the Stibnite Gold Project is an excellent opportunity to sustainably and responsibly boost Idaho's economy while providing much needed environmental improvements to the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River.

Reading through Midas' PRO I was struck by their unwavering dedication to the environment of Idaho. As an avid sportsman and outdoor lover myself I found this reassuring that the company wants to leave the Stibnite project better than they found it. Their obvious willingness to listen to issues such as the Burnt Log access route to reduce possible waterway contaminants is an important trait in a mining company. I am also excited at the prospect of steelhead and salmon running up past the current pit lake that blocks their passage. This pit lake needs to be taken care up as upstream sediment settles into the pit and will eventually fill it leaving the downstream areas vulnerable to more unwanted erosion. I would be ecstatic to see the proper repairs made to this historically scarred ecosystem.

In closing I find that Midas Gold is the perfect candidate to move forward with this project. Their obvious care for the land and willingness to hire locally provide numerous economic and environmental benefits. The environmental care taken in selecting access roads and remediation of historic workings are just a few mentioned in the PRO showing Midas' dedication to the environment.

I hope that you will consider my letter while reviewing Midas Gold's application.