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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Project. I greatly appreciate the chance to share my thoughts on this important issue.

Having recently reviewed the Midas Plan of Restoration and Operations (PRO), let me first say I'm duly impressed with the level of supporting detail within the document. It's obvious a great deal of research, investigation and evaluation went into its preparation. As a proud third generation Idahoan, I certainly want the pristine water and land of our great state to remain intact. After studying the restoration and protective measures proposed by this project, I'm convinced the surrounding environment will be notably enhanced from its present state. Additionally, I was glad to see the extensive caliber of reclamation contemplated for the mine site. Being an avid hunter, I regularly reap the benefits afforded to wildlife from the habitat improvement of similarly reclaimed areas.

Another important consideration is the economic impact of the Stibnite Gold Project. As a licensed CPA for nearly 34 years, I'm well aware of the substantial financial contribution mining makes to our economy. Well-paying jobs and property / income taxes paid by Midas will be a solid chunk of the fuel which keeps the fiscal engines of both Valley County and Idaho running smoothly. Rest assured, this project will bring a very positive economic impact to this region of the state.

In closing, I wholeheartedly support the US Forest Service approving the Midas Stibnite Gold Project as detailed in their PRO. Doing so will provide Valley County and western Idaho with good jobs and a stable tax base in an environmentally responsible manner.