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Comments: The Stibnite Gold project presented by Midas Gold has many potential benefits for Idaho and the local area. These benefits range from economic, to environmental. I strongly urge your thorough considerations of the the project. Some of the points that I would ask that you pay extra attention to are:

The remediation of historical mining damage. Much of this area was historically mined. This mining occurred in times when environmental considerations where simply not thought of, and in times of great need and haste (WWII). This project as presented is possibly the only chance to address these issues with the hopes of abating a large portion of them.

One of the great issues we are currently facing in our efforts to restore Idaho, is fish habitat. The remediation of this area will improve down stream fish habitat by stopping the continual input of pollution (mine drainage, and sediment input), and improve upstream habitat by installing a fish passable migration rout. This would be the first time fish would be able to swim up stream since the 30's.

Aside from the multiple environmental benefits of this project (I only mention a few), there are large economic benefits as well. This project has the ability to invest over a billion dollars into Idaho. This investment would not only benefit businesses associated with mining, but all infrastructure in the area would benefit as well. The power needs of the mine would require huge investment into the local power grid. After the necessary improvements are complete, the local grid would be able to sustain more growth in the future. The roads to access the mine will not only be improved but a new one is proposed to be built. The new road and the improvements to current roads benefits all who wish to access this, and the surrounding areas.

The local economy will be boosted as well. The project would require road construction, building construction, transportation services, service industry staffing, and of course mining and engineering services. With the proposed plan of utilizing the local workforce (up to 90%) people from all sections of the economy stand to benefit. As the money comes in, industries and businesses not directly tied to the mine will see increased business opportunities. With the plan of having offices in Donnelly, a transportation center in Cascade, and Yellowpine being the closest town to the actual project many, many people stand to benefit from this project.

Please consider these, and many other good points in your review of this project.