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Comments: I very much appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Midas Gold Stibnite Gold Project during the scoping period.

As a resident of and landowner in the Intermountain West/Inland Northwest, an avid outdoorsman, a wildlife enthusiast, and an ardent supporter of the mining industry in the United States, I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and its proposed Plan of Restoration and Operations (PRO).

In addition to reviewing the PRO, I have personally made a visit to the project site and have spoken with representatives from Midas Gold and its local subsidiary Midas Gold Idaho on numerous occasions.

My understanding is that the site in its current condition is less than desirable from an environmental standpoint, to say the least. And if clean-up were to be paid for by the government it would cost tens of millions of dollars or more to adequately complete.

Midas's plan as proposed will see historic mine tailings reclaimed and reprocessed, creating a double-bottom-line benefit that is economic and pro-environment. If left untreated these tailings would leach their mineral contents into the natural habitat for years.

The plan would also see the restoration of a natural fish migratory passage that has been blocked by man-made barriers for over three quarters of a century.

If not tied to an economically feasible project like Midas's Stibnite, these environmental remediations would likely not get done at all.

For these reasons alone I consider the project beneficial to Idaho and its citizens, and those of the broader region. But when you add in the employment and tax benefits the project would also bring, it's clear that it should move forward as proposed.

I encourage you to approve the plan for the Stibnite Gold Project as proposed by Midas Gold.

Thanks for your consideration,