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Comments: Please accept this emailed letter of support for the Midas Gold Stibnite application.

I am writing to you regarding the environmental clean up and proposed mining operations at the Stibnite site. As you are aware there has been a five year effort underway to study and plan for the clean up of the site, the land and water reclamation supported by the proposed mining operations.

Appendix G of the submitted plans evaluates all practical alternatives to the site's redevelopment as a mine, mine closure and reclamation and ultimate restoration of the watershed. After reviewing the appendix, it is apparent that the Plan for the Stibnite Gold Project is a well thought out, practical, reasonable and environmentally sound project. I urge you to select the proposed activities as outlined in the Plan of Restoration and Operations as the preferred alternative during the EIS process and approve the project as outlined by Midas Gold.

The alternative of doing nothing is not acceptable. The area needs attention and if industry can partner with the public to help repair an area and restore a vibrant economy in rural Idaho, we must move forward. The citizens of Idaho deserve to have this site cleaned up and fully restored to a quality environmental watershed. It will improve stream quality as well as remove a significant eye sore from Idaho beautiful backcountry!