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Comments: I wish to write in support of the Midas Gold reclamation plan for the Stibnite Gold Project on the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. The project purpose is a combination of mining and tailings reprocessing to remediate the present heavy metal loading due to historic mining activities in the area. The project presents a valid plan to remediate the Old Glory Hole and overcome a barrier to salmon migrating up the East Fork. Remediation of heavy metal contamination and construction of a passage through the present migration barrier would allow salmon to reach their historic spawning grounds.

The project appears to be a win/win for both Midas Gold and the public. Through resources obtained from reprocessing older tailings and mining old workings Midas will recover a portion of the millions of dollars needed to achieve the reclamation described.

I am familiar with the area as have worked on projects in both the Stibnite and Thunder Mountain Mining Districts. I have been also involved in the Silver Valley reclamation effort and have investigated heavy metal contamination from a number of historic mining activities in Idaho. I feel the opportunity the State of Idaho and Federal Government have in working with Midas Gold in the reclamation of the Stibnite property and recovery of the area for salmon and other wildlife is unique and as mentioned would be such a plus for both the public and Midas Gold.

Please contact me if you have any questions.