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Comments: Midas Gold Idaho has been a member of our community for the past eight years. During this time, the company and its employees have become wonderful champions and supporters of our community. They've volunteered their time in our schools and given generously to community causes. The company's track record of following through on its promises and doing the right thing gives us the confidence to write in support of adopting the proposed activities outlined in the Plan of Restoration and Operations as the preferred alternative during the EIS process.

The old Stibnite mine site is in our backyard and it will likely never be cleaned up unless industry takes responsibility for those who came before them. Midas Gold plans to do just that. By mining the site, Midas Gold plans to restore the natural flow and gradient of the East Fork of the South Fork to reconnect historical spawning grounds. The company will repair blowout creek, permanently solving a source of massive sedimentation and habitat degradation. Plus, in reprocessing and repurposing millions of tons of spent ore and unconstrained tailings, Midas will safeguard water quality indefinitely.

If the Stibnite Gold Project goes into production, the company would directly provide around hundreds of jobs. Midas Gold is already providing well-paying jobs to close to 30 Idahoans. Moving forward, the company remains committed to hiring locally and training Idahoans to help grow our state's skilled workforce. Economists also estimate that for every 500 jobs Midas Gold Idaho creates another 400 will be created in the community. The Stibnite Gold Project presents a huge opportunity for our state and has the potential to change many people's lives in a positive way.

Midas Gold Idaho believes in a local workforce and has promised to hire Idahoans whenever possible. The company will provide employees with training and help our state build a more skilled workforce. These jobs are not entry level positions. Midas Gold estimates salaries will be two times higher than the local average in Valley County. This can make a big difference in the life of many families.

Midas Gold wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. We should let them. Please adopt the company's preferred alternatives and continue to move this important project forward.