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Comments: I appreciate the opportunity to show my support for the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold Idaho in the Plan of Restoration and Operations as the preferred alternative during the EIS process.

As the House, Vice Chair of the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee, I fully understand the importance and use of Idaho's natural resources and what a project like the Stibnite Gold Project can bring to the Idaho economy and our state budget.

Midas estimates are to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and provide approximately 1,000 jobs over the course of the mine's life. In fact, they are already providing well-paying jobs to close to 30 Idahoans. Economists also estimate that for every 500 jobs Midas Gold Idaho creates another 400 could be created in the community.

Throughout the project, Midas Gold Idaho will contribute roughly \$86 million in state and local taxes and invest hundreds of thousands of dollars to upgrade needed community infrastructure.

I urge you to accept Midas Gold's preferred Plan of Restoration and Operations and continue moving this project forward.