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Comments: Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho, particularly rural Idaho, with a huge economic and environmental risk. I am writing to encourage you to NOT permit the project.

If you examine Midas Gold Idaho's Plan of Restoration and Operations, it is not evident the company identified the best possible plan to restore the site. The company claims it is limiting its footprint to existing disturbance as much as possible to minimize new disturbance, but with little regulatory oversight we are expected to take them at their word that "the company has plans to make improvements that will keep thousands of pounds of sediment out of the river each year." Who will measure? Who will monitor? Unfortunately, if Midas Gold Idaho is allowed to move forward with its plan, we are entrusting an entire ecosystem to a for-profit corporation that doesn't specialize in restoration.

Midas Gold wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site, but experience has shown that their efforts will likely fail or have unintended consequences which worsen the situation and put a beautiful river and fragile salmon populations at too high of risk. We should not let them. Please DO NOT permit the Stibnite Gold Project.