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Comments: I am proud to welcome Midas Gold Idaho into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project.

The Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho and our country. While the site is rich in gold deposits it also has deposits of antimony. In fact, the Stibnite Gold Project is the largest known deposit of antimony in the country. The Department of Defense noted the importance of antimony for defense applications in 2013, when it ranked antimony number two in the list of strategic and non-fuel defense material shortfalls and predicted a shortfall of 20,500 tons in a four-year period. We depend heavily on China for this mineral. The Department of Defense recommended strategic stockpiling approximately 11,000 tons of antimony to address this shortfall, which has not occurred. Antimony is crucial to the defense and energy industries and is in many items we use on a daily basis, like our cell phones. Permitting the Stibnite Gold Project will allow us to have a domestic resource for this very important mineral. It will also allow us to clean up the existing site. Today, arsenic and antimony are leaching into the groundwater. Under Alternative 2, Midas Gold will reprocess legacy materials in order to prevent arsenic and antimony leaching into the ground and surface water. 4.9-17 of the DEIS shows this will make further water degradation from these sources less likely in the future.

I appreciate your time and thoughtfulness. For the reasons I stated in my letter above, please permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2 and let Idahoans see the benefits of this important project.

Having a back ground in mining of 20 plus years I have seen a lot of good brought into communities as the mines produce jobs and stronger communities. To have a company like this to already have come into a community and start the helping the community and the environmental process is unique and a great sign of a great partnership! This is the real deal and it would be unfortunate if Idaho missed out on a partnership like this one!