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Comments: I want to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. The commitment that Midas Gold has shown to Valley County and the State of Idaho is significant. During the permitting process, I urge you to accept the proposed Alternative 2 as outlined in the Draft EIS.

When you look at Alternative 2, it is obvious that Midas Gold has extensive study and thought in putting together the best possible plan to restore the site: Midas Gold is limiting the size of the environmental impact to existing brownfields as much as possible and minimizing new environmental disturbances; thousands of pounds of sediment will be removed from the watershed each year; fish will be able to return to their indigenous spawning grounds that have been unavailable for almost 90 years. I feel that Midas Gold is not only the best chance of these desperately needed improvements, but the only chance. If they are not allowed to proceed with the plan, I believe that the site will be polluted and unrestored for generations to come.

This is a solid plan to fix the degradation of decades and repair the environment. Historic mining and settlement processes caused this massive problem. Degradation of wildlife habitat, unclean water, and excessive erosion are of great concern to me.

The findings in the Draft EIS support the fact that Midas Gold will pay for the reclamation efforts and improve the site. Getting rid of the tailings from historic mining and improving ground and surface water quality is a long-term win-win for wildlife, fish, and Idahoans.

This is a huge opportunity for Valley County and Idaho to become a better, cleaner, and more robust part of the northwest and the country. I encourage the Forest Service to approve and permit Alternative 2 as outlined in the Draft EIS so this part of Idaho can once again, be a shining star in the Gem State.