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Comments: If Midas Gold Idaho is allowed to move forward with the Stibnite Gold Project, they will reclaim an area impacted by historical mining, create hundreds of well-paying jobs and provide a huge boost to our economy in the process. It is a win-win for Valley County. We need to permit the project.

Midas Gold Idaho is proposing a great project for Idaho[rsquo]s economy, citizens and environment. When the project goes into production, the company plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and provide approximately 1,000 jobs over the course of the mine[rsquo]s life. During construction, the annual payroll is estimated to range from \$42 million to \$49 million. Midas Gold has made a commitment to look to Idaho first for talent and supplies which will have a major trickledown effect and positively impact many facets of the state[rsquo]s economy. Alternative 2 presents the best option to protect Idaho[rsquo]s environment. It eliminates the West End development rock storage facility, limits the footprint of the project and extends the lining in Meadow Creek to protect against streamflow reductions. Alternative 3 would cause us to miss out on water quality benefits because under this proposal the tailings storage facility would be moved to more pristine habitat and leave the existing tailing s unprocessed. According to DEIS chapter 4, section 4.9, removing legacy tailings and managing water quality provides long-term reduction in metal loading in ground and surface water. It is for these reasons, I hope the Forest Service moves forward with Alternative 2.

For the above reasons and many more, please move forward with alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project as it is important to all Idahoans.