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Comments: Dear Permitting Officials,

I am writing to express my views on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. The opportunity presented by the Stibnite Gold Project is compelling for many reasons and it is a project I am committed to seeing come to fruition. The existing site is a mass polluter and is destroyed from previous mining history. If Midas isn't allowed to reclaim/mine this site, then who is going to clean it up? The tax payers? As a tax payer, I want to see Midas be successful at this project. I also want to see the left-wing economy wrecking "conservation" groups lose their ability to destroy huge portions of industry in the economy. Why is their voice more important than the rest of ours? The people that produce a goods/services for this country always seem to be the ones that suffer from the petitions of these groups that don't have any skin in the game. We live here. Let Midas get to work!

Midas Gold has made it clear reclamation efforts will start alongside operations. For example, before mining ever begins, fish will be reconnected to their native spawning groups upstream through a fish passageway. Eventually, the Yellow Pine Pit will be backfilled and the river can be permanently reconnected. Analysis in the draft Environmental Impact Statement showed removing existing barriers to fish migration will help Chinook salmon, bull trout and Steelhead. In fact, DEIS 4.2-39 says long-term access to blocked habitat would result in increased genetic diversity of isolated populations and productivity. They have worked to find safe access routes to the site that keeps vehicles away from our precious waterways. Additionally, under alternative 2, the company decreased traffic during operations by 26 percent by generating lime on site (table 2.3-2, 2.4-3, 2.3-8). Plus, the company is trying to minimize their impact on the environment by keeping facilities within the existing foot print of historic mining operations.

I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2.

Best Wishes,

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