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Comments: Last summer my wife and I stood on the banks of the South Fork of the Salmon River watching the salmon return and admiring the beautiful mountains. It took me back to the 1950's, when my dad took me to this very spot. It hadn't changed much. Then I thought if it hadn't been for the Forest Service, the miners, the loggers, the road builders, the Fish & Game and The guys fighting fires in the past. there is no way us average people would be able to get back into this wonderful remote area. In my opinion the Stibnite Gold Project will help future generation enjoy this beautiful country as projects in the past have allowed my family to.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project presents a plan to repair the environment and boost Idaho's economy. Historic mining operations, development of former town site and natural processes have resulted in significant degradation of many elements of the environment. Loss of fish passage, potential water degradation from previous mining activity and excessive erosion are all of great concern to Idahoans. Right now, fish haven't swam past an abandoned mine pit for more than 80 years. Midas Gold will reconnect fish passage before mining ever begins. According to 4.12 of the draft environmental impact statement, providing access to these historically blocked areas can improve the genetic diversity of these isolated fish populations. The Stibnite Gold Project would finance reclamation efforts to address these problems and in turn boost Idaho's economy. It is a win-win for everyone.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

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