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Comments: I have reviewed the Plan of Restoration and Operations and met with members of Midas Gold Idaho to better understand the company's plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. Below are my comments on the plan to be included in the comment period.

I am native Idahoan and retired U.S. Marine and have lived outside of Cascade off Warm Lake Highway for nearly 20 years. Before old age caught up with me I was a native bow hunter for elk and deer on Profile Creek, Missouri Ridge, Quartz Creek, Salt Creek, Sugar Creek, Tamarack Creek and above Stibnite. I have no qualms about your organization going forward with the project for native habitat. I fear the wolves more than Midas Gold. I would welcome seeing Steelhead, Chinook Salmon return to the EFSFSR before the end of my days.

I am the Valley County Veterans Service Officer for nearly 20 years, proud member of the American Legion, Post 60 and I talk to my fellow citizens in Southern Valley County and our biggest obstacle has been affordable housing and well paying meaningful jobs. I believe that this project once it is off the ground will help us to overcome those obstacles in the City of Cascade and Cascade and Valley County will benefit greatly.

Restoring the Stibnite Gold Project site will be an incredible investment. Work clearly needs to be done in the area but it should not be funded through taxpayer dollars. Fortunately, Midas Gold Idaho wants to make the investment. The company is proposing a mining project and full-scale restoration project. They have plans to reconnect fish with their natural spawning grounds. According to analysis by the U.S. Forest Service in section 4.2 of the DEIS, establishing long-term access to historically blocked critical habitat would result in increased productivity for Idaho's bull trout, chinook and steelhead. This free movement and access to habitat can improve genetic diversity of the fish. Midas Gold will also properly reprocess and safely store old tailings, which, as outlined in Chapter 4 section 4.9 of the DEIS, will lead to a long-term reduction in metal loading in ground and surface water. The company will also solve sedimentation issues by repairing Blowout Creek.

I wish you luck and much success and I hope you can make this happen. This Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. Please permit alternative 2 and continue moving the project forward so our citizens can reap the positive impacts.