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Comments: This letter is to express my support of Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project. Idahoans need this project to be permitted. Americans need this project to be permitted. I hope after reading my thoughts you will understand why my support for Midas Gold Idaho is so strong.

Reviewing the draft environmental impact statement, I believe Alternative 2 is the best choice for Idaho. Alternative 3 would have a larger project footprint, impact more wetlands based on functional units, impact more stream reaches and delay the benefits of the project by two years. Alternative 2 would have less impact on the environment. Alternative 4 is not a good choice because it would put traffic to site right next to the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. This puts waterways and fish at an unnecessary risk. Alternative 4 also would delay the project unnecessarily. Alternative 5 is not even a realistic option because it would leave the site in the same condition it is today. Right now, fish are blocked from their native spawning grounds and arsenic and antimony are leaching into the ground and surface water. It is unconscionable to think we could leave the area in this state of repair. Alternative 2 would allow Midas Gold to provide critical minerals for the U.S. and clean up the site.

While Alternative 2 will ensure much needed restoration and restore fish migration it will provide jobs for Idahoans. Idaho continues to grow as many people are discovering the beauty and opportunities it holds. As citizens from neighboring states flock to relocate to our state we need the jobs to support our current and future citizens. This project will create ~500 direct jobs and a comparable number of indirect jobs with a salary to support a growing family.

Alternative 2 is more than an issue of taking responsibility to restore the ecosystem but an opportunity to improve the livelihood of our people.

I urge you to accept Midas Gold's plan as outlined under alternative 2 and continue moving this project forward.