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Comments: I am taking this opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project.

This project, especially alternative 2, is in line with Idaho values and our way of life. Idahoans have long understood that using the land and protecting the land can go hand-in-hand. Alternative 2 blends improving public lands with building a robust business and it is an approach I encourage. From repairing a legacy mine site to developing roads and power infrastructure, the \$1 billion investment the company would make in Idaho will benefit the entire state. For example, ground and surface water quality are currently a concern around the site. In some places on the site, arsenic and antimony levels in the water are currently 700 times higher than drinking water standards. Midas Gold can correct these when there is no one else capable and offering a solution to these problems by following Alternative 2. According to DEIS chapter 4, section 4.9, removing legacy tailing and managing water quality provides long-term reduction in metal loading in ground and surface water. These are benefits we cannot pass up.

Midas Gold wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. We should let them. Please permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

If the Midas Gold project cannot go forward, there is no one else, including those opposed will deal with the problems of the water issues in the area.