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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.

Midas Gold Idaho is not your typical mining company. The company realizes the Stibnite Gold Project site has been damaged after nearly a century of mining and that something must be done if we ever want to reclaim this brownfield site. Midas Gold Idaho wants to restore the site and take care of the environment through mining. I believe alternative 2 as outlined by the U.S. Forest Service is the best chance to help the repair the historic Stibnite Mining District. This alternative will result in better water quality in the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River due to lower concentrations of antimony, mercury and arsenic (DEIS 4.9-70). An additional 26.5 km of habitat for anadromous salmonoids becomes available before mining begins with the construction of the fish passageway around the Yellow Pine pit (DEIS 4.12-13). Alternative 2 would also provide a net gain of 11.1 km of intrinsic potential habitat for steelhead trout and 12.4 km for bull trout (DEIS 4.12-22). These are benefits that should be fully recognized.

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