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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's comment period. I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans since they first came into our state, in large part because much of the proposed project will take place on public land. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities for the future.

The Stibnite Gold Project will help to restore the environment in our region. Under alternative two, Midas Gold has prioritized restoration work so many of the efforts occur early in the project. For example, Midas Gold will build a fish passageway around the Yellow Pine pit to provide access to native upstream habitat. The U.S. Forest Service's analysis in the DEIS (4.12-39) shows this could increase and improve overall productivity and even diversity among chinook salmon, bull trout and steelhead. The company is also required to set aside all of the funds needed to properly restore the site in a special trust so the land will be restored no matter what happens to the company. Reclamation efforts have already started at the site. Midas Gold has planted thousands of trees and worked to reduce sediment entering waterways near the site. To me, these actions prove the company is truly committed to restoring the site.

The only concerns I have is the amount of traffic, noise & wear this will generate on the Warm Lake Hwy along with the use of Jake brakes if hauling is done to connect with Hwy 55.

For the above reasons and many more, please move forward with alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project as it is important to all Idahoans.