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Comments: Dear Ms. Jackson,

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.

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 problems by following Alternative 2. According to DEIS chapter 4, section 4.9, removing legacy tailings and managing water quality provides long-term reduction in metal loading in ground and surface water. These are benefits we cannot pass up.

I encourage the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Midas Gold Idaho's project as outlined in their Modified Plan of Restoration and Operations, alternative 2 in the DEIS.

Best Wishes,

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