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Comments: Dear Ms. Jackson;

I would like to express my support for the permitting of the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho as it is an all-around win for Idaho. Along with the many economic benefits the project will bring, Midas Gold has already proven its commitment to becoming a valuable community partner. As the superintendent of a small school district in Eastern, OR that has students who reside in rural Idaho I fully understand what a project like this can bring to a local community.

The Stibnite Mining Project is a real economic opportunity for rural Idaho and the amount of money that Midas Gold has already spent since starting exploration is amazing, over \$100 million. When the project moves forward, state and local tax revenues are estimated at roughly \$218 million in direct and indirect taxes from the project. These are revenues that we may not otherwise be able to generate that can be directed to state and local projects in need of funding .

Midas Gold has also shown its willingness to be an active participant in the community. Significantly, they have done a tremendous amount of work with local schools. Further, as is the case in the area I live and work, jobs such as these will allow kids the opportunity to stay, work and make a great living where they grew up.

I encourage you to please permit the Midas Gold project and adopt alternative 2 as it is laid out by the company in its PRO.

Sincerely,

Rusty Bengoa Superintendent

Jordan Valley School District #3