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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to submit my comments on this important project. I am writing this letter to express my support for Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project.

I support Midas Gold because they have put in the effort to ensure that their proposal will benefit our communities and the environment that has been suffering for so long. Over the past decade, the company has spent millions of dollars researching the Stibnite area to create a comprehensive plan that minimizes new environmental harm and maximizes the repair of past damage. Among the environmental benefits of their proposal are the collection of polluting waste from old pit-mines and the restoration of waterways to enable salmon to migrate to their native spawning grounds. According to the draft Environmental Impact Statement the company's plans to address historical blockages for salmon will actually result in increased productivity and diversity (Chapter 4.12-39)

No one else has stepped up to fix our damaged land, and it is appropriate that a mining company should have a hand in addressing the issues created by past operations.

I am confident that Midas Gold will uphold their commitments. Besides strict regulatory requirements that require the company to set aside millions in funds for reclamation before work even begins, Midas Gold has voluntarily entered into agreements with neighboring towns to ensure transparency and directly collect feedback. The company has had an active presence in our communities for years, and has volunteered in our schools, hosted events, and invited residents to tour their proposed worksite. They have treated us like valuable partners from the get-go.

Midas Gold has given us every reason to believe that their proposal will be beneficial for local residents, and they have earned our support. I encourage you to approve Alternative 2 in their Plan of Restoration and Operations so that their work can begin soon.