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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 it will bring into our state.

My husband and I have always had a deep love for the Idaho outdoors, and we have passed that onto our 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Through visits to the staff at the Donnelly Midas office and a tour of the site, we felt well educated in the project. We respect the efforts Midas has made to make this project as safe and effective as possible, and are thrilled not only with how Idaho's environment will benefit, but also with what Midas will bring economically to the state. We are also hopeful that through Midas's efforts to do this a safer way, it will inspire other mines nationally and internationally to put more thought into cleaner mining practices.

The site is rich in gold deposits but it also has antimony, which was recently deemed a critical by the federal government. Antimony is used as a fire retardant (something incredibly important this summer!) and metal strengthener. It is used in everything from batteries, textiles, cell phones, plastics electric cars and military equipment. Right now, the U.S. doesn't have a domestic antimony mine. The Stibnite Gold Project could provide one-quarter of the American demand for antimony in the country. This is so important with the current tenuous trade relations in our country.

Thank you for reviewing my comments. Again, I urge you to permit Midas Gold's carefully thought out plan as outlined under alternative 2. It certainly seems the most sensible choice.