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Comments: Growing up in McCall, I am fully aware of the importance the logging and mining industry has been for Valley County and all of Central Idaho. Similar to many who visit Valley County, I thoroughly enjoy the outdoors and get out hiking, camping and skiing every chance that I get. Though Valley County thrives on its tourism industry, it is important to have balance.

This is why I am reaching out to support the Stibnite Gold Project which has a long and important history in Valley County. I strongly believe this project would benefit both locals and Idahoans as a whole and should be promptly approved.

Midas' proposal offers a unique chance to ensure the longevity and prosperity of communities. The creation of 500 new jobs would reduce the flight of young people to cities and other states. Partnerships with local businesses would revitalize aging towns and provide capital for investments and growth. Additional tax revenue would help fund schools and allow towns to better serve their residents. The list of direct and indirect benefits of the plan is extensive.

The debate around the return of mining to Stibnite has been incorrectly framed as a contest between environmental and industrial interests. Midas Gold's plan demonstrates that we aren't forced to choose between protecting our wildlife and providing for our future, and the balance and care with which they have approached the Stibnite Gold Project is a testament to their commitment to creating a win-win situation for native Idahoans. This is why I ask that you move forward with alternative 2 as provided by the company. Thank you for the opportunity.