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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the public permitting process. I know this project will have a positive impact on the environment, communities surrounding the site and Idahoans.

Given the history of the region, I was a bit skeptical when I first heard about this project, but it is clear that Midas is going out of their way to put environmental safety and restoration front and center. For example, according to the DEIS, [acirc][euro]it is not anticipated that soils in most of these areas would recover naturally.[acirc][euro][bull] However, Midas Gold can change the future of the site. The company is already composting and has further plans to help soils recover throughout the life of the project. After looking at the tools provided by the USFS, I feel strongly that Alternative 2 is the best option moving forward. It addresses the purpose and need of the agencies in a manner that provides environmental advantage and economic feasibility over the other analyzed alternatives. With so much promise for the site[rsquo]s future, I hope Alternative 5 is removed from the table. There is finally an opportunity to restore the site and it is an opportunity that shouldn[rsquo]t be passed up.

Thank you for reviewing my comments. Again, I urge you to permit Midas Gold[rsquo]s carefully thought out plan as outlined under alternative two.

Most Respectfully, when law makers and regulators are on the same page everybody wins so long as the rules are kept. Mean while jobs are being created