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Comments: I would like to voice my support for Midas Gold Idaho's modified Plan of Restoration and Operations (MOD PRO) as submitted to the U.S. Forest Service. After reviewing the draft environmental impact statement (EIS), I believe that Midas Gold has met or surpassed all requirements and should be issued all permits necessary to begin construction of the Stibnite Gold Project.

Midas Gold has studied the Stibnite site for the past decade and has identified opportunities for the company to work closely with local residents and businesses in creating a plan to use state-of-the-art mining techniques to address environmental legacies and bring economic success to the people of Idaho. In working with community members, they remain committed to ensuring that the project takes care of the environment, is safe for the employees and the community, and that it will leave a long-lasting positive impact on Idaho.

The company has dedicated the resources necessary to address the historic environmental effects that have prohibited fish from being able to swim past the Yellow Pine pit since the early 1900's in addition to fixing the degrading water quality due to the leaching of metals like arsenic and antimony. Their plan would put much of this work first, before they begin any mining operations, illustrating the company's commitment to safety and environmentally friendly mining.

Midas Gold has also designed its operations to meet or exceed the most stringent Idaho regulations, starting with the design of its tailings storage facility. The facility incorporates specific elements that will prevent breaching, overtopping, leaking, and excess water accumulation while promoting long-term geotechnical stability and providing redundancy for critical components of the structure.

Midas Gold Idaho has proven itself to be a solid partner to all Idahoans and I have no doubt that the Stibnite Gold Project will be a great success for our state, both economically and environmentally. I ask that you grant the necessary permits and adopt Alternative 2 proposed in their modified Plan of Restoration and Operations.