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Comments: Central Idahoans have waited a long time for someone to address the environmental issues at the Stibnite mine, and I'm glad to say I fully support the plan offered by Midas Gold Idaho to restore the local environment while responsibly developing the site for future use. Please give this project your support and approve Alternative Two of Midas's plan.

If approved, this project would help fix longstanding issues in the area. For any naysayers who point to problems in mining's past, I would point to the fact that strict regulations now ensure modern mining projects like the Stibnite Gold Project adhere to the highest levels of environmental protection.

They also come with financial assurance from mining companies to guarantee there is plenty of money on hand to restore an area once their operations are over. This is true for the Stibnite project as well. As a matter of fact, the U.S. Forest Service's review of Alternative Two in the draft environmental impact statement found that financial assurance would provide adequate funding to allow the USFS to completely reclaim the site once it is closed and return it to a stable, acceptable condition.

The proof is in the pudding, or in this case, in Midas Gold's commitment to financial assurance. Please give this project your support by approving Alternative Two as soon as you can.