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Comments: I am writing in support of Midas Gold and the Stibnite Gold Project. As a public school educator and leader in the community of Cascade, new to Valley County in the past three years, I have been impressed with Midas Gold and their approach to presenting a transparent message within the community of Cascade by actively building relationships with community businesses and the school district. They have been proactive in sharing their vision for mining in Valley County. They have offered resources to support environmental education and they have been transparent in laying out their long range action plan and how it may impact our community as a whole. I have personally observed Midas set both of these as priorities as they have initiated building trust and professional relationships in our community.

In addition, Midas Gold has been very supportive of education and as this project continues to move forward it is apparent how it can give families and students local career opportunities they haven't had in past years. The projected jobs will allow families opportunities to live and work without having to leave Valley County for employment. I believe Midas Gold will be a part of the new future and help Valley County become more prosperous.