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Comments: I am writing to express my support for Midas Gold Idaho's proposed Stibnite Gold Project, which is currently under review by the U.S. Forest Service in the draft Environment Impact Statement (EIS).

The East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River is in desperate need of attention. Decades of poorly regulated mining has tainted our water and threatened our wildlife. Until now, there has been no realistic way of undoing harm of the past because of the high cost of restoration.

Initially, there was skepticism that a mining company could be part of the solution. But having reviewed the draft EIS and learned more about its plan and the preemptive actions they have already taken to prevent future environmental harm, I am now convinced that Midas Gold could improve the health of Stibnite while providing economic opportunities for hundreds of local residents.

Idaho's rivers are among the most beautiful in the country, but previous restoration efforts have done little to clean and repair waterways damaged by mining. The Stibnite Gold Project would reduce sediment pollution, re-enable Salmon migration, and remove old tailings that contaminate our water. For example, Midas Gold has already laid the foundation for the reforestation of the Yellow Pine pit by planting tens of thousands of trees in the surrounding area and removing discarded scrap metal.

The protection of Idaho's environment is important to me and I am glad that Midas Gold's plan has been thoroughly reviewed. Additionally, I think a 60 day comment period is ample time to review the draft. Please move forward with alt 2 proposed by the company in its PRO.