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Comments: DEAR MS JACKSON,

I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the past several years Midas Gold has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in its Alternative 2.

As part of the Stibnite Gold Project, Midas Gold will be responsible for mitigation and restoration related to its new mining activities. Mining companies must reclaim the land when their operations are completed and provide state and federal regulators with reclamation bonds to guarantee the work will be properly performed before any mining begins. That means the plans put forward by Midas Gold are not optional. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) released in August thoroughly details the environmental issues hurting the region's environment and ecosystem. I believe Alternative 2 provides the best option for removing and storing hazardous waste that has been putting antimony and arsenic into water for decades. The draft EIS states that solutions from Midas to remove legacy waste and manage water provides long-term reduction in metal loading in ground and surface water. (Ch. 4 Section 4.9)

I appreciate your time and thoughtfulness. The USFS has provided plenty of tools to review the DEIS and make commenting within the 60-day timeframe possible. For the reasons I stated in my letter above, please permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2 and let Idahoans see the benefits of this important project.