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Comments: Ms. Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of Midas Gold Idaho's public permitting process.

As the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River that passes through Stibnite, it must travel by 10.5 million tons of old, spent ore deposits and tailings materials from decades of mining activity. As you can imagine, this degrades water quality in the river. Midas Gold Idaho will remove, reuse, and reprocess these tailings and waste rock, which your own draft environmental impact statement says will help the local ecosystem by reducing the high concentrations of metals that have leached into the water. In Chapter 4 of the draft EIS, it says removing legacy tailings and waste lowers concentrations of antimony and arsenic in the East Fork South Fork of the Salmon River (4.9-70).

Thank you for your time, consideration and for giving Idahoans meaningful time to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project. Alternative two is by far the best option in the DEIS.