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Comments: I am writing to share my thoughts on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold project. As a snowmobiler and Idahoan, there are many reasons why I am excited for Midas Gold's project to come to life and I hope through my comments you will understand why.

By law Midas Gold Idaho is required to set aside all of the money needed for restoration prior to any mining activity. This gives me, and Idahoans, peace of mind that the restoration work the company has discussed will come to fruition no matter what happens. Mining has devastated this area. Midas Gold Idaho wants to fix it and I hope you will clear the path to allow their restoration work to move forward.

If Midas Gold Idaho is allowed to move forward with its work, salmon will be reconnected to their native spawning grounds. This hasn't happened in 80 years! The US Forest Service's Draft Environmental Impact Statement concluded that removing existing barriers to fish migration will help Chinook salmon, bull trout and steelhead. In fact, DEIS 4.12-39 says long-term access to blocked habitat would result in increased productivity and genetic diversity of isolated populations.

Finally, I am confident Midas Gold will work to ensure Idahoans still have access to the places we love. Thank you for considering my thoughts on the project. I urge you to move forward with alternative two.