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Comments: Dear Permitting Officials,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the public permitting process. I know this project will have a positive impact on the environment, communities surrounding the site and Idahoans.

Alternative 2 is the result of many years of study by Midas Gold. The company developed this alternative after submitting their original plans and working with stakeholders, community members and environmental groups to try to determine how it could be improved. The result was a smaller project footprint, reconnecting salmon to their native spawning grounds before mining ever begins and improved water quality. Two of the alternatives, 3 and 4, would delay the project by several years and withhold its benefits from Idahoans unnecessarily. Those same alternatives could also become so expensive it could make the project cost prohibitive.

I have 24 years experience in mining and want permitting officials to know that the best way to remediate sites such this is to restart mining. I currently work for a mine in Nevada that is using the opportunity of mining to remediate past negative environmental impact left behind by our predecessors. Due to these mining actions and subsequent remediation the mine has received 2 reclamation awards in 2018 and 2020 respectively. This we could not have done without the restart of mining.

With everything happening in the world, I feel strongly that we need to approve the Stibnite Gold Project to move forward now. It would bring 500 well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, invest a billion in Idaho and help improve community infrastructure.

While the economic benefits of this project cannot be ignored, it also will transform an area in need for environmental repair. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward as outlined in alternative 2 within this 60-day comment period.