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Comments: As a proud Idahoan and American , I believe that we should responsibly use our natural resources while protecting the environment. With this in mind, I am submitting this comment in support of Alternative 2 for the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold.

Notably, Alternative 2 will best enable access to mineral resources while addressing legacy environmental problems. Past mine operations have created several problems in need of remediation , including erosion and blocked fish passage.

Historic operations have also left behind more than 10 million tons of spent ore and unlined tailings that contribute to the degradation of water quality in the Meadow Creek Valley. As I understand, legacy tailings are a likely source of metals leaching into groundwater. Alternative 2 provides for the removal and safe storage of legacy tailings.

Overall , Alternative 2 would improve groundwater and surface water quality in Meadow Creek Valley compared to Alternative 1 because of improved engineering, water management, reclamation , and other activities (4.12.103-104 of DEIS).

Further, mitigation and reclamation activities would lower concentrations of antimony and arsenic in the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River (4.9-.70 of DEIS).

I appreciate the comprehensive work conducted by the U.S. Forest Service in developing the DEIS and making it accessible for comment. Given our nation 's and region 's need to seek ways to move our economy forward during this challenging time, I urge the Forest Service to adopt Alternative 2 and approve the Stibnite Gold Project without furtheextending the comment period.