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Comments: I am writing today to express my support for the Midas Gold Idaho Stibnite Gold Project. I wholeheartedly believe that this project is the answer to many of the environmental problems our county has endured over the last few decades. We have seen land erosion, a blockage of fish passage and most importantly, increasingly poor water quality. Midas Gold Idaho's plan should be approved immediately in order to restore our area to its former environmental standards.

Water quality in the Stibnite Mining District is subpar. Over the years, it has been impacted by naturally elevated levels of certain metals and by more than a century of mining activity. This mining activity took place without current environmental standards and regulation that the US Forest Service and others, put in place. Sampling of this water shows that it does not support life in many areas and goes far beyond what is okay for us to drink .

Midas Gold however, is our answer. Midas Gold designed the Stibnite Gold Project to improve water quality . The proposed project would reconnect fish to their native spawning grounds, fix the largest source of sediment in the watershed and remove tailings and waste that degrade water quality. Within this, Midas Gold plans to enhance or restore more than 12 miles of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River and tributaries, and remove fish passage barriers to get salmon and trout back to its headwaters for the first time in more than 80 years.

These actions will undoubtedly help tackle many of the issues we have seen over the 50 years or more . Being able to drink our own water, create useful waterways and bring back regular fishing, would not only help environmentally, but also economically. It would create opportunities for more local fishing, local sourcing of water and bring in more revenue from tourists that will now be able to explore and utilize our land sustainably.

These direct and indirect benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho give its construction my full support. I highly encourage you to adopt Alternative 2 laid out by Midas Gold Idaho.