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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Draft EIS period for the Stibnite Gold Project. I am a resident of Cascade and have lived in the area for 41 years. The noise from the few additional trucks and cars that are traveling to the mine site on Warm Lake Highway will not be any louder than the truck or recreational traffic that travels that road currently.

I have watched our economy change from a logging, mining and resource based economy to a recreational based economy and our community has suffered because of it. Our parents need two or three jobs to make enough money to provide for their families which means kids are home alone more, we have more mental health issues and more domestic violence cases. Midas Gold will provide jobs with living wages, benefits and regular work schedules. These type of jobs bring pride to family members who can now provide for their families and therefore creates a more stable home life and community. We want Midas Gold as a partner in our community.

Midas has collaborated with our community on many levels from helping with educational outreach, funding for our city parks and golf courses, to assisting with medical equipment for our local hospital. Midas Gold has proven it is a good community partner that cares about the people of this region.

After reviewing the DEIS using the tools provided by the U.S. Forest Service, I believe Alternative 2 is the best option moving forward. It limits the project footprint, keeps traffic away from key waterways, improves water quality and is economically feasible. The project would also provide key economic benefits to the region, as well as environmental restoration. Midas Gold currently is the only company with a feasible plan to fix the long-standing legacy issues at the site, such as blocked fish passage and degraded water quality. I feel confident Midas Gold will follow through on its promises to restore the site because of federal and state financial assurance laws. The regulations will require Midas Gold to set aside the necessary funds for restoration and reclamation before any mining begins.

For the above reasons and many more, please move forward with alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project as it is important to all Idahoans.