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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Draft EIS period for the Stibnite Gold Project.

The team at Midas has spent countless hours researching and designing the best possible solution for water quality conditions at the site. By cleaning up the legacy tailings that are currently sitting unlined in the valley floor, Midas will improve the water quality for fish, wildlife and nearby residents. Alternative 2 includes a plan to neutralize the metals in the tailings before they are stored in the fully lined facility. This will greatly improve ground and surface water conditions at the site and be a big step forward to improving the environmental conditions at the site. I prefer Alternative 2 because it will allow bring solutions to the site in the most timely manner. Alternative 3 and 4 would delay these benefits by two years and, sadly, Alternative 5 would leave the site as it is today and conditions would likely only get worse.

I appreciate your time and thoughtfulness. The USFS has provided plenty of tools to review the DEIS and make commenting within the 60-day timeframe possible. For the reasons I stated in my letter above, please permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2 and let Idahoans see the benefits of this important project.