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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Midas Gold Idaho's Alternatives for re-opening the Stibnite mine area.

My primary request is for your consideration of the concept that mining has rarely, if ever, improved habitat or genuinely protected water or air quality. The imperiled salmon habitat should be repaired. Additional mining, if undertaken, could be done by domestically owned and accountable entities. The ongoing crisis caused by the pandemic should not hasten mining activity in Idaho. Real economic benefit for citizens throughout our region must include sustainable incomes, return of riches to the USA, careful and deliberate environmental extraction after considerable planning and weighing of cost/benefit. The Company argument reads as a threat: If Midas Gold is not allowed to move forward with its project, the problems facing the region will likely only get worse."