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Comments: I write to you in consideration of Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. The company has submitted to you its Plan of Restoration and Operations (PRO) and it highlights the many opportunities presented to Idahoans and Americans in general through their 21st century mining operations.

Midas Gold Idaho has conducted many prefeasibility studies over several years and has determined that the Stibnite site is a viable resource for the mining of gold and antimony, two vital minerals that are in scarce supply. In fact, antimony has been listed by the US Department of Defense as number 2 on the list of strategic and non-fuel defense material shortfalls in 2013. DOD has recommended strategically stockpiling approximately 11,000 tons of antimony to address the shortage, however, given that the U.S. imports 100% of its antimony from foreign countries, this has not occurred. The ability to mine this critical mineral in Idaho is of enormous value to our country.

In addition, the local and state economies will be greatly impacted. As a CAT employee, this project will create numerous spin off jobs. Annually, the direct, indirect and induced impacts from local job creation are estimated at \$28.8 million per year in annual local income during construction, \$29.3 million per year during operations and \$5 million per year during final reclamation. Midas Gold has committed to hiring, contracting, and purchasing supplies and services locally whenever possible.

I urge you to approve Alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho, as soon as possible so that construction of the project can begin immediately.