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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of Midas Gold Idaho's public permitting process. I've worked with several Midas Gold employees over the last several years, in my role at Western State CAT, and believe I can provide you with substantive information on the project.

I love that this project presents a plan to repair the environment and boost Idaho's economy[shy] particularly under Alternative 2. Historic mining operations, development of former town site and natural processes have resulted in loss of fish passage, potential water degradation from previous mining activity and excessive erosion throughout the site. The Stibnite Gold Project would finance reclamation efforts to address these problems and in turn boost Idaho's economy . It is a win-win for our community .

Under alternative 2, Midas Gold proposes to backfill Yellow Pine pit and reconnect historic fish passage to native spawning grounds for the first time in 80 years! It will also pick up and clean spent ore and legacy tailings that are potentially harming water quality at site, and they will place their tailings storage facility in an already disturbed area of site, minimizing their footprint and keeping it away from important fish passage . All of this will be privately financed by responsible mining of Antimony and Gold - minerals that are important to green technology, aerospace and national defense .

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using the alternative 2 as soon as possible.