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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's comment period. I am with Western States CAT and I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans since they first came to Idaho. The more I have learned about the project, the more hopeful I am about the possibilities for the future.

Midas Gold plans to invest millions of dollars into our region through private funding. With private funds, Midas Gold fix the mistakes of previous mining operations that have left debris and other hazardous materials in our beautiful habitat. After years of study however, Midas Gold has prioritized and designed a solution specifically for the Salmon River and our fish. Midas Gold plans to install a tunnel through the Yellow Pine pit that is blocking fish from their native habitats. This is a tremendous solution as this passage has been blocked for many years, putting great strain the river's habitat.

In addition to fixing the environment, the Stibnite Gold Project will bring economic prosperity for those in need of work. There would be 1,000 jobs immediately available to be filled just as construction begins, not including the additional jobs required to operate the mine while it is open and then once it is in reclamation. Especially in our current economic state, these high-paying jobs would help for families to put food on their tables. The tax benefits that our local communities would also see is critical revenue our region needed. The Stibnite Gold Project would inject our local economy with \$300,000 per year, not including the nearly \$100 million in state taxes. Midas Gold Idaho is making a commitment to our local community and providing resources that we would otherwise be unable to claim.

As you consider the proposed plan and determine the course of action, I encourage you to consider and appropriately weigh the positive benefits Midas Gold will have on Idaho. It is truly a win-win opportunity for Idahoans and the environment.