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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of Midas Gold Idaho's public permitting process.

Midas Gold will provide livable wage jobs to the people of Valley county and beyond, these jobs will be year round with full benefits and will be considered essential as mining is part of a critical infrastructure to the United States. Tourism jobs in Valley county do not provide livable wages or benefits. This project will not only provide this but is also the best option to restore a site that has suffered from the unregulated mining processes of the early 20th century.

As a professional Aviator in the Commercial and Aerial Fire Fighting industry for more than 25 years, my industry directly relies on these minerals for aircraft construction and navigation instruments as well as the fire retardant that is used to suppress wildfires. Aviation is also one of the most highly regulated industries and has an impeccable safety record overall but that was not always the case in the past. Aircraft accidents especially in the aerial firefighting industry were at an unacceptable high level. Through federal regulation and tighter industry standards requiring a modernized aviation fleet and training standards the accident rate has been reduced significantly. In the Airline industry this rate has almost been reduced to zero. Mining is very much the same and through tight oversight and regulation this project will be successful, provide the necessary clean up and restoration and provide hundreds of direct jobs to many Idahoans who desperately need the stability that a critical function industry could provide. I believe Midas Gold is a great and honest company as I have visited with them personally and believe Alternative 2 is the best option for the project success.