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Comments: Ms. Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's comment period. I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans since they first came into the state, in large part because much of the proposed project will take place on public land. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities for the future.

More than 10 million tons of spent ore and unlined tailings from previous mining are sitting, unlined in the valley near Meadow Creek at the site of the proposed Stibnite Gold Project. As water flows over this waste material, metals leach into the ground and surface. Therefore, we should not be surprised that the amount of arsenic and antimony in water near site vastly exceed levels that are considered acceptable for aquatic life standards. Midas Gold has a plan to mitigate the impacts of previous, unaffiliated mining projects to improve water quality and fish habitat. Among many other investments, Midas Gold would clean up the roughly 3 million tons of historical tailings and reprocess and properly store them in a state-of-the-art tailings facility. The company would also relocate the 7.5 million tons of used ore underneath the tailings facility liner system - permanently separating it from interacting with water. These efforts to remove legacy materials will improve water quality, a finding reflected in your own agency's draft environmental impact statement. According to chapter 4, removing legacy tailings and waste improves water quality in Meadow Creek Valley (4.12 103-104).

There is a trend in investing and society at large towards Environmental and Social Governance (ESG) where companies are expected to make a positive impact on the environment and society as they develop their business. I believe Midas Gold to be such a business and should be encouraged to move forward with their plans to re-imagine the Stibnite Gold Project.

Thank you for the thorough review of the Stibnite Gold Project. I urge you to now move forward and permit the mine using alternative 2, so Midas Gold can put Americans back to work.

Kindest regards,

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