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Comments: Attention Ms. Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the public permitting process. I know this project will have a positive impact on the environment, communities surrounding the site and Idahoans.

The Stibnite Gold Project is good for the Idaho workforce. Midas Gold's strong commitment to hiring locally and using local vendors and suppliers helps build our economic base. The salaries of the positions at the Stibnite Gold Project will be approximately two times higher than typical jobs in Valley County. The financial security and on-the-job training opportunities these positions bring has the potential to bring meaningful change to families throughout the region. Additionally, we know mining brings more than jobs and robust wages to our state, it promotes the development of secondary businesses and the production of more goods and materials right here in Idaho.

Each year, hundreds of tons of sediment continue to be dumped into the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River and other waterways from Blowout Creek, impacting water quality and aquatic habitat. Midas Gold has a plan to fix these problems during construction. Unfortunately, if Midas Gold isn't allowed to move forward with its plan, it is highly unlikely these critical improvements will ever happen.

Fish haven't been able to swim past the Yellow Pine pit to their natural spawning grounds for 80 years. Midas Gold will reconnect fish during construction by building a special passage and by the time the project is done they will restore the natural flow of the river so fish are permanently reconnected.

Idahoans need to see the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project come to life. It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select the modified plan of restoration and operations Midas Gold Idaho presented, known as Alternative 2 in the draft Environmental Impact Statement, and permit the project.

Yours,

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