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Comments: Ms. Jackson,

I am in support of the responsible and practical plan laid out by Midas Gold Idaho to both develop a precious natural resource while at the same time having the foresight to rebuild a watershed that was impacted by practices of the past by applying a balance of community feedback and proven remediation techniques. A lot is summed up in this single sentence as to what Midas Gold Idaho is proposing, "We are committed to creating a project that will leave the environment in better condition than we found it."

As an alumni of Montana Tech, I am very aware of the interconnectivity of past resource development practices and long term impacts to the environment. To compare previous development actions to those that have been proposed would be similar to comparing any industry 10 decades ago that clearly did not have environmental social governing concerns to consider or contend with when working on projects of this scale. In fairness the technology did not exist at that time, which has now evolved from remediation techniques that are applied to the frontend of development.

Resource development projects also provide economic stimulus and perhaps more importantly, stabilization to the areas of the intermountain west so that youth of today can aspire to be great citizens with fulfilling careers in beautiful and scenic areas as opposed to having to leave their roots and venture away in search of gainful employment opportunities.

I would like to express my support for Alternative Number 2 that has been submitted by Midas Idaho Gold.

Regards,

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