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Comments: As a fisherman, hunter, outdoorsman, father, and grandfather, a 50 plus member of the mining industry as well as a founder of Midas Gold I have taken a keen interest in the responsible development of the Midas Gold Idaho project. Over the last ten or so years Midas has spent literally millions of private sector dollars performing environmental and baseline studies in cooperation and consultation with the USFS, as well as other agencies and interested parties, to formulate a Restoration and Operations Plan that would allow for the restoration of the site while also developing a responsible plan to mine and reclaim the site to productive use for future generations.

This plan, including the selection of Alternative 2, as the preferred alternative, will not only allow for the correction and remediation of issues from legacy mining but it will simultaneously allow for the creation of literally hundreds of high paying jobs for rural Idaho. Those jobs will translate into an overall improved economy and tax base from which infrastructure and cultural improvements and programs can spring. These programs will benefit the people living in the local communities as well as the State of Idaho and the U. S. A. as a whole.

Regarding people, Midas Gold is comprised of team of people from veteran mining experts to people from the communities from the region that will benefit from this project. It is this diverse mix of people that have been instrumental in the development and management of the plans, studies, remedial programs, and preventative actions that are included in this project.

The result of this integrated effort is a project that can be an example of how responsible cooperation between the private sector and all levels government can actually result in cleanup and restoration of legacy mining issues while contemporaneously creating good business for all parties.

This letter is a request that you select Alternative 2 and move forward with this project.