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Comments: I am writing to express my support for Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. When the last mining companies departed the Stibnite mining district, they left the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon with a damaged ecosystem and an uncertain future. Midas Gold's proposal represents an opportunity to rewrite that legacy while adding much needed economic revenue into Idaho's rural communities.

Our area is in dire need of good jobs. Midas Gold's commitment to hiring locally would make them one of the largest employers in Valley County and ensure that the economic benefits of their operations will be felt by the families that need them the most. 500 direct jobs during operations with millions in wages circulating in these communities is a great opportunity.

For myself and other Idahoans who treasure the natural beauty of our rivers and forests, the environmental implications of the plan are just as significant as the prospective economic benefits. If approved, the Stibnite Gold Project would result in a net improvement to the health of our nature by restoring damaged land and reconnecting salmon to their native spawning grounds. For the first time in a hundred years, the mining legacy of our communities would be reconciled with the well-being of our environment.

The South Fork of the Salmon holds special importance for the people of McCall and for Idahoans as a whole, and proposals like these aren't taken lightly. Midas Gold's plan to restore sites left damaged by historical mining offers an opportunity to enhance and protect our natural environment while revitalizing our communities. Their commitment to community engagement and transparency throughout the approval process has provided ample reassurance that the Stibnite Gold Project will be completed with environmental concerns in mind and local interests at heart.

For these reasons, I urge you to approve alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho in their modified Plan of Restoration and Operations.