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Comments: My name is Duane E Little I am 83 and have lived in Kellogg Idaho all my life except time for University and similar activities. My comments here are my own and not those of any Groups or Persons. I was the elected Shoshone County Assessor for 28 years. I am now and have been for 30+ years the Chairman of the Bunker Hill Superfund Site for the EPA. I also served as a Trustee for the life of the Trust Fund created as the result of the State of Idaho's lawsuit for Natural Resources Damages against several local Mining Companies.

In my lifetime I have seen the Coeur d'Alene River go from a chalky grey colored mess. known as the "Lead Creek" restored to a clean river with fish. Growing up in Kellogg it was common after school to have to "wash off" the lawn so the "Smelter Smoke" would not burn it brown. The hillsides are no longer bare and void of vegetation but are covered with tress and create a beautiful landscape. Today's Mining Industries are no longer the polluters of the past as is evident of Midas Gold's clean up work around the Stibnite project. Mining today can be done in a way to protect the environment From my personal experiences I know how important projects like these are to the local economics of rural areas.

I strongly support Midas's Alternative 2 and urge you to permit those activities proposed in it !