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Comments: I want to add my voice to the many other who are supporting Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project. Midas Gold's modified Plan of Restoration Operations (PRO) illustrates the company's vision for safely mining critical minerals while providing Idahoans with well-paying jobs, and much needed income.

Midas Gold's 2014 Pre-Feasibility Study identified that the Stibnite Gold Project can produce at least 4 million ounces of gold and 100 million pounds of antimony. Both gold and antimony are critical resources needed by many industries around the world including the technology sector, green energy production, and the refining of petroleum, among many other uses. Currently, the United States is completely dependent on imports to meet its antimony needs, however, the Stibnite Gold Project can become a prime resource for American industries.

In addition to adding to our domestic mining industry, during the construction of the mine, the project will employ an estimated 600 to 700 people, with payroll expenditures totaling between \$42 million and \$49 million. Once the mine is operational, approximately 500 direct jobs will be needed with an average salary of \$80,000. Midas Gold will prioritize hiring and sourcing locally throughout the project and it is committed to helping communities respond to growth in a manner that is sustainable and responsible. The company will also support training opportunities for Idahoans throughout the life of its project by working directly with schools, community colleges and the Idaho Department of Labor.

Finally, the indirect benefits to our local economy is something that cannot go unnoticed, with hundreds of millions of dollars in regional sales transactions throughout the life of the project in addition to the hundreds of millions of dollars paid in local, state, and federal taxes. All of this makes the Stibnite Gold Project a sound economic endeavor and an extremely worthwhile investment for Idaho. I endorse this project and ask that you adopt Alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho in their modified Plan of Restoration and Operations.