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Comments: Attached please find a copy of a support letter from the City of Cascade in support of Midas Gold.

Midas Gold Idaho has been a member of our community for the past eight years. During this time, the company and its employees have become wonderful champions and supporters of our community. They've volunteered their time in our schools and given generously to community causes. The company's track record of following through on its promises and doing the right thing gives us the confidence to write in support of adopting the proposed activities outlined in the Plan of Restoration and Operations as the preferred alternative during the EIS process.

Midas Gold has carefully researched the Stibnite Gold Project since 2009. Throughout this time, the company has proactively engaged members of our community and consistently sought our feedback. Some of our suggestions are reflected in the plan - including the proposed road to site to keep traffic and potential pollutants away from our waterways.

If the Stibnite Gold Project goes into production, Cascade would see a huge economic benefit. Midas Gold plans to invest $1 billion in Idaho, contribute $86 million in state and local taxes and make improvements to our roads and power grid. The company has also made a pledge to hire locally whenever possible and plans to provide around 1,000 jobs for Idahoans throughout the life of the project. Midas Gold salaries will be approximately two times higher than the local salary. It is impossible to ignore the positive trickledown effect an investment of this size would have on our community and economy.

The project will also help to restore the environment in our region. Midas Gold has prioritized restoration work so many of the efforts occur early in the project. The company is also required to set aside all of the funds needed to properly restore the site in a special trust so the land will be restored no matter what happens to the company. Reclamation efforts have already started at the site. Midas Gold has planted hundreds of trees and worked to reduce sediment entering waterways near the site. These actions have shown us the company is truly committed to restoring the site.

Thank you for reviewing our comments. Again, we urge you to accept Midas Gold's carefully researched preferred alternatives and approve the project as it is currently outlined.