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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Draft EIS period for the Stibnite Gold Project.

As it stands today, the Stibnite Gold Project site is a brownfield site. The U.S. government tried to restore the area years ago but the work that was done didn't go far enough. The old tailings piles left by previous mining companies are still unconstrained and therefor present a risk of leaching minerals into nearby streams and the groundwater. Each year, hundreds of tons of sediment continue to be dumped into the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River and other waterways from Blowout Creek, impacting water quality and aquatic habitat. And fish still are not able to swim past the Yellow Pine pit to their natural spawning grounds. This area needs to be remediated and Midas Gold has a plan to do it the right way. It is outlined as alternative 2 in the dEIS.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit alternative 2 so this brownfield site can finally be restored.