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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Comment Period. I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans since they first came into our state, in large part because much of the proposed project will take place on public land. I am very pleased about the possibilities it will bring into our state.

If you examine Midas Gold Idaho's Plan of Restoration and Operations, it is evident the company identified the best possible plan to restore the site under Alternative Two. The company is limiting its footprint to existing disturbance as much as possible to minimize new environmental disturbance. Natural fish spawning routes will be restored after being blocked for decades. The company has plans to make improvements that will keep thousands of pounds of sediment out of the river each year. Unfortunately, if Midas Gold Idaho is not allowed to move forward with its plan, it is highly unlikely that these critical improvements will ever happen.

Many people want to complain that the mining project will destroy the lands Midas is proposing to operating on. However, it is very important to realize that those lands have already been destroyed by mining operations a long time ago. Miners from the past left the environment devastated. The environment needs to be cleaned up and put back in order. The Stibnite Gold Project as proposed by MIDAS ...WILL CLEAN UP THE MESS others have left behind. WHO else is standing up with a plan to clean it up? Certainly not the Indian tribes, and certainly not the Government, and doubtful private parties will expend the energy for private fundraising. Unless MIDAS is allowed to continue (and monitored for compliance), the environment in the Stibnite area will remain a mess. Perhaps forever.

It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select the modified plan of restoration and operations Midas Gold Idaho presented and permit the project.