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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Midas Gold Idaho's Plan of Restoration and Operations. I've known the leadership at Midas Gold and followed progress with the Stibnite Gold Project for many years. I am an internationally experienced mining engineer and the President & CEO of a similar (albeit smaller) Idaho-focused gold exploration and mining company. I am also an avid fly-fisherman and frequent contributor to international environmental restoration and preservation efforts.

I have studied the Stibnite Gold Project and it's potential impacts. I am aware of risks and opportunities associated with restoring and developing the project. I have met with project staff and observed how Midas has lived out its corporate values as it has grown. It is with this experience and a comprehensive understanding of situation at hand that I encourage you to permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

There are many checks and balances in place to ensure that Midas Gold Idaho follows through on its promises to restore the Stibnite site and responsibly operate the Stibnite mine. Midas has undertaken extensive studies and, together with responsible state and federal regulatory agencies, has prepared a detailed restoration and operating plan.

The company is required by law to provide for the money it needs for restoration before mining can begin. The company has already started restoration work at the site. They have planted more than 60,000 trees to help reduce the amount of sediment going into the river, installed solar energy panels at site to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improved miles of road along the river to protect fish habitat. They have had - and, if permitted do do so - can continue to have, a huge positive impact on the environment.

Midas Gold wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. They want to create jobs and prosperity along the way. They should be permitted to proceed with Stibnite.

Midas and you have the opportunity to set a great example for others and to truly make a positive difference in Idaho at a very challenging time in the nation's history. Others are watching. What message will you send?