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Comments: I am taking the time and thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts.

I believe the project presents a solid plan to repair the environment, boost Idaho[rsquo]s economy [acirc][euro]" particularly under Alternative 2 - and provide much needed strategic mineral supply for our country, lowering our dependence on foreign sources that are not sympathetic to the U.S.'s needs. 500 jobs created, $1 billion investment in Idaho, the existing environment much improved, and a supply of strategic minerals to supply our country's growing demands--this project is a win for ID and for the U.S.

As well, and importantly, Midas Gold's mine plans effectively would reconnect salmon passage through various means, and result in a river restored, and a fishery's diversity increased. In fact, DEIS 4.12-33 says long-term access to blocked habitat would result in increased genetic diversity of isolated populations and productivity. Restoration plans will also provide a 23% increase in stream functional units, a net gain of 21,941 (appendix D table 8-1).

Alternative 2, which includes reprocessing old tailings waste, would lead to long-term reduction in metal loading in ground and surface water (DEIS 4.9). This is a huge plus for the site because of ongoing concerns of arsenic and antimony in the ground and surface water. The Stibnite Gold Project would finance reclamation efforts to address these problems and in turn boost Idaho[rsquo]s economy. It is a win-win for our community.

After reading my letter, I hope you can see why you should permit the Stibnite Gold Project. This project is a good thing for Idaho, helps decrease America's dependence on foreign countries for critical minerals and cleans up the environment.