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Comments: Dear U.S.F.S.,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Midas Gold Idaho's Plan of Restoration and Operations.

Over the last several years, I've had the opportunity to hear a handful of presentations on the Stibnite Gold Project, sit down with project staff and observe how the company has lived out its mission as it has grown. It is with this knowledge that I encourage you to permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

The company gives its time, talent and resources to support local charities and environmental causes. They have made it clear reclamation efforts will start alongside operations. For example, before mining ever begins, fish will be reconnected to their native spawning groups upstream through a fish passageway. Eventually, the Yellow Pine Pit will be backfilled and the river can be permanently reconnected.

As a 4th Grade teacher at Donnelly Elementary, part of the McCall Donnelly School District, I, and my students have worked to learn about Midas Gold Idaho. They have been excellent educators about geology, have come up with many clever and engaging scientific learning activities and been generous contributors to areas of need in our community. Midas Gold Idaho has worked hard to integrate itself into the fabric of the community. Their corporate citizenship is outstanding, and it makes me confident that their actions at Stibnite will be done with the same quality.

I feel the project as a whole will offer so many things to my past, current and future students; a better environment, better local employment prospects, and the resulting healthier lifestyles.

I encourage the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Midas Gold Idaho's project as outlined in their Modified Plan of Restoration and Operations, alternative 2 in the draft of the environmental impact statement.

Sincerely,

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