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As an engineering emeritus professor and researcher in water quality in the mining arena, I write this preliminary observation. Please approve the EIS Alternative 2 rapidly and grant the proposed plan of operation, as well as all the other required permits.

Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho, particularly rural Idaho, with a huge economic and environmental opportunity. I

I will continue to review the Plan of Restoration and Operations and I believe the Stibnite Gold Project is an opportunity to repair the environment and bring an economic boost to the community. As proposed in Alternative 2, the project finances environmental reclamation and provides the workforce and resources necessary to complete it. If Midas Gold isn[rsquo]t allowed to move forward with its plan, this area in Idaho[rsquo]s back-country will continue to suffer. Currently, salmon are being blocked from their native spawning grounds and hundreds of tons of sediment are pouring into the watershed each year. It is time to address these issues and Midas Gold has the right plan to do it. According the Forest Service[rsquo]s own analysis in 4.12 of the draft Environmental Impact Statement, the increased access Midas Gold will provide to feeding and refuge areas for androgynous fish, such as Chinook salmon, can improve productivity of the species. In appendix A of the document, you can se e Midas Gold is committed to minimizing disturbances to wildlife during the project and improving the region once mining is complete. In reviewing the document, I think the company is taking the steps needed to protect the area and mine the area safely in Alternative 2.

I am currently Reviewing Midas Gold's plans, and so fat it is clear to me the company really believes in taking care of the environment and keeping the community safe. I urge you to permit the Stibnite Gold Project as outlined under Alternative 2 and keep this project moving forward.

Please keep my comments in mind, Dr. Thom Seal, PE

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