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Comments: As an environmental advocate here in central Idaho, I am proud to support Midas Gold, who has put forth a plan that will enhance our local environment. After nearly a century of environmental abuse, Stibnite mine and the surrounding areas have a fighting chance at returning to their former glory - righting the wrong of generations of toxic corporations.

Since World War II, companies that mined at Stibnite mine were not bound by any form of environmental regulation that would ensure as little damage as possible. As a result, there was mass devastation, leading to depleted water quality and diverted waterways of the East and South Forks of the Salmon River. However, there is hope for this environment once more. In their latest plan, Midas Gold has made a commitment to reclamation and restoration of the local landscape - meaning that not only will Midas Gold mine the Stibnite mine, they will also work tirelessly to restore the area to its former glory.

The main issue has been identified as the inability for salmon to access their historic spawning grounds naturally. The salmon previously would have traveled up the East and South Forks of the Salmon River, but previous diversions of the waterway make the journey impossible. Midas Gold is confident that its plan will allow them to re-divert the East and South Forks of the Salmon River to its former location so salmon and other fish can once more travel up the river.

While this plan is extensive and well thought out, it cannot happen overnight. That is why Midas Gold has also included another multi-million dollar facet to its plan - a fish passageway. This carefully engineered fish passageway will allow for salmon and multiple other types of fish to travel through the passageway and into their former spawning grounds while the East and South Forks of the Salmon River are being re-diverted. The fish will be able to travel safely, as the passageway meets all necessary criteria required by law.

Midas Gold is a partner in central Idaho who is trying to leave Stibnite mine a better place than they had found it, providing a restored environment for generations. As a proud supporter of Midas Gold, I ask you to adopt Alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho in their Plan of Restoration and Operations.