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Comments: Thank you for taking the time to review my comment on the proposed Stibnite Gold Project from Midas Gold. I have been quite interested in this project as it has moved through the permitting process and would like to add my comment to the docket.

Ever since I can remember, there have been major problems in Stibnite, but one of the biggest has to be the very poor quality of the water in the section of the Salmon River that runs through this area, as well as in surrounding streams and waterways. After years of monitoring the local water supply, Midas Gold has determined that one of the biggest reasons the water is so bad today is because there are still more than 3 million tons of WWII-era tailings and 7 million tons of used ore just lying out in the open in Meadow Creek Valley.

As it rains and water passes by these spent tailings and waste rock, metals leach into the river and other waterways, resulting in extremely high levels of arsenic and antimony that are unsuitable for aquatic life. Something has got to be done about this, and it seems as if Midas Gold knows exactly what that something is. As part of Alternative 2, they have proposed to reuse or reprocess these tailings and store them, along with the waste rock, in a new, state-of the-art facility that will forever separate them from the local water supply.

Alternative 2 is the best alternative because it places this facility in a safer area than Alternative 3. It also includes safer access roads than Alternative 4, in order to protect local waterways moving forward.

I ask that you please approve Alternative 2 and keep the ball rolling on this vital project.