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Comments: Greetings,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Draft EIS period for the Stibnite Gold Project. I am in support of the project.

Midas Gold is very aware of the water quality concerns at the site, as they have been sampling the water for years. They've found very high arsenic and antimony levels in certain areas, in some cases 700 times worse than what is considered safe. To address these issues, the company will remove legacy tailings and other waste that cause this issue. Overall, Alternative 2 seems to cover every risk factor possible; it improves upon the company's original 2016 plan, which they adjusted following feedback, and it is superior to Alternatives 3 and 4, which have more safety concerns and could cause delays. And of course, it is better than Alternative 5, which is to do nothing; we cannot afford that approach after all these years.

Also, the Stibnite Gold Project will provide stable, well-paying jobs to up to 1,000 employees throughout the life of the project. On average, employees will make $80,000 per year [acirc][euro]" twice as much as the average salary in Valley County. Overall, the company estimates the annual payroll will be approximately $42 million per year.

For the above reasons and many more, please move forward with Alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project as it is important to all Idahoans. The comment period provides plenty of time to read the DEIS and submit comments. Further extensions of the comment period are unnecessary and will needlessly delay the project.