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Comments: I am writing to share my thoughts on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold project. There are many reasons why I am excited for Midas Gold's project to come to life and my position at Western State CAT gives me a unique position to comment on the project.

The Stibnite Gold Project will generate significant federal, state and local taxes over the life of the project. Estimate show the company will contribute $86 million in state taxes over two decades. The economic benefits tied in with the environmental restoration of the site provide a win-win for the citizens who live in the surrounding communities, the state and the general population.

After years of scientific analysis and review the U.S. Forest Service and multiple state and federal agencies conclude in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that the mitigation and restoration plans proposed by Midas Gold will assist the population of bull trout, steelhead and chinook salmon and improve water quality. Specifically, the report concludes that removing historical barriers to fish migration is beneficial to the population and removing legacy waste from historic mining will improve water quality.

Thank you for the thorough review of the Stibnite Gold Project. I urge you to now move forward and permit the mine using alternative 2 so Midas Gold can put Americans back to work.