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I am writing to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho.

As a native Idahoan, I care deeply about the state of our nature. It is tragic that old mining worksites have been left unattended for decades, allowing toxic metals and dirt to accumulate in our rivers. Government has done little to prevent the ongoing degradation, and in a few more decades, the wildlife that makes the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River so special may be permanently damaged. For these reasons, I believe that the Stibnite Gold Project must be approved.

Mining isn't often associated with environmentalism, but Midas Gold isn't your typical mining company. Preservation is at the forefront of their plans for Stibnite, and they are committed to restoring the land they use once their project concludes. Alongside their mining work, they intend to rebuild historic waterways, remove polluting waste materials left by previous operations, and reconnect native salmon to their spawning grounds. Together, these improvements would rectify a century of harm.

Midas Gold alone has the ability to fund the cleanup that Stibnite needs, and through their community engagement efforts they have proved their good intentions. The company has entered into agreements with neighboring communities to ensure that locals have a say in what happens in their backyard. They have also created a foundation to give back to the businesses and families that will make their project possible. Even at this stage, it is clear that our relationship with Midas Gold will be mutually beneficial.

I never would have thought that I would support mining in Stibnite, but the Stibnite Gold Project is an exceptional opportunity to undo past harm and provide for our future. I urge the U.S. Forest Service to adopt alternative 2 of Midas Gold's proposal to mine and restore Stibnite.


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