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Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments on Midas Gold Idaho's public permitting process for the Stibnite Gold Project.

Environmental legacies are easy to destroy and hard to fix. Fortunately, Midas Gold Idaho is committed to restoring and rehabilitating the habitat around the Stibnite mining district through a robust reclamation effort. As you examined in the draft environmental impact statement, Midas Gold Idaho has pledged to not only clean up the local landscape, but help reestablish the blocked fish passages in the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River and improve the water quality by extracting sediment from waste rock and toxic metals left from past mining operations. Conclusions from the draft EIS basically back up that their plans will help the environment and ecosystem. Take fish. The draft EIS says "Long-term access to historically blocked critical habitat would result in increased productivity."

Additionally, if the Stibnite Gold Project moves forward, it will be the only antimony mine in the America. This important mineral is used as a metal strengthener and fire retardant. But right now, we import all of our antimony from places like China and Russia. With all that is currently going on in the world, it is more important than ever that we not rely solely on foreign countries for minerals of such great importance.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please approve alternative 2 as requested by Midas Gold and let this important project move forward.

Regards,

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