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Comments: Greetings,

I would like to submit my support for the Midas Gold/Stibnite mine project for the following reasons.

Environmental: The new standard of thinking put forth by Midas Gold regarding restoration and repair of the East Fork of the South Fork, reforestation, cleaning up tailing piles and repairing the sedimentation issues from the region represent an innovative approach that other mines could utilize going forward. Repairing the damage previously done while simultaneously extracting and reprocessing ore makes good sense to me. I also support re-routing mining transit through Burnt Log Road, as this keeps truck traffic off of Johnson Creek and away from sensitive fisheries.

Economic: This project is likely to create a significant economic impact for our region. Between good paying jobs, related industry growth and being able to hire and retain local talent, this project will provide a much needed shot in the arm for the local economy--one that has been at the economic whims of the recreation-tourism economy in recent years. Midas represents the addition of some scalable diversity in our economic ecosystem and I think that will be a benefit to all towns in the region.

Cultural: Valley County has a long history of utilizing natural resources for economic purposes, sometimes in a good capacity and sometimes not. Midas offers the community the opportunity to take ownership of past environmental missteps and successes, and move forward with a sustainable plan that fixes the river and reinvigorates the potential for responsible natural resource utilization in our region and in America. Taking the lessons learned forward is an important part of this process and I look forward to what this project offers--a sustainable mining paradigm.

Kindly,

Andrew