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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the scoping period for the Stibnite Gold Project.

Midas Gold Idaho and its team developed the Plan by first determining the ideal environmental restoration of the area and planned mining operations around achieving that goal. The Plan comes after 5 years of environmental study, input from community stakeholders and economic study and a thorough analysis of alternatives.

As Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, I especially appreciate the company's work regarding some of the concerns for traveling to and from the site. After many meetings and input from the community, the company decided to change original plans and access the site via the Burntlog Road. This suggestion came from the residents of Yellow Pine which shows their commitment to the surrounding community. This plan will require significant investment by the company but was clearly the best solution for protecting our rivers and water quality.

Through the past many years, I have met several times with the Midas Gold team and continue to track its progress. I have appreciated their willingness to keep lawmakers up to date. I ask that you move forward with the project and urge you to adopt the Midas Gold Plan of Restoration and Operations.