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Comments: We take seriously and appreciate the ability to comment on the Stibnite Mine Project in hopes of helping shape the operations proposal of Midas Gold.

As life-long residents and business owners of Cascade, Idaho we feel very passionate about the effects this project will have on our community and surrounding areas, hopefully more positive than negative. We fully support the concept of this project and anxiously await its success, but not to ignore our concerns with the current proposal.

* To date, Midas has worked hard to prove that they are community leaders and supporters, yet we still feel there has been a lack of social planning. Moving thousands of people in for employment will have an impact we have never experienced and we need our city, school, hospital, etc. prepared as best possible. There have been plenty of talks and conversations, but no official agreements made that we are aware of. Our communities input diminishes, if these types of agreements are not made prior to this plans approval.

* As avid snowmobilers we also have comments on winter recreation and grooming activity. The Landmark area has historically been an area where extra effort or more advanced riders have gone for the additional challenges found there. It is important we maintain that semi-difficult nature of the area and still have an all-season road that meets mining needs. Building a parallel trail to Johnson Creek is unnecessary. There are many areas that would require significant construction in order to be groomed and number of bridges that would need to be placed over the stream. These upgrades will come with a large price tag and create a lot of disturbance for the amount of snowmobiling it will provide. Riders interested in accessing Landmark will have vehicles capable of using the Midas maintained Warm Lake Summit. We also want to be certain that the overnight groomer storage offered by Midas in this plan is clearly written to be temporary for incidental or emergency use during mine construction, so not to be confused as expansion of our current grooming operations and facilities.

* The Burntlog road proposal is a major disturbance and huge investment. The proposal to return the road to its existing condition after the close of the mine is more disturbance and cost. We think it would serve the general public much better if the road were to remain in-place and open to the public after the mine closure. It will provide a new avenue for people to visit the mining history and see the Thunder Mountain area. Our recreation based economy can use opportunities such as this. What a great possibility for positive impact on the community.

In closing, please remember that we are in full support of bring Midas Gold and it's mine operation to our community and hope that with a few changes it can be an exciting and worthwhile adventure for everyone.

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