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Comments: When Midas Gold first started evaluating the historic Stibnite Mining project in 2009, the company decided its actions should be driven by its commitment to safety, environmental responsibility, community, accountability, integrity, and transparency. The company has lived by these values for more than a decade, and as Midas Gold moves into the next stage, with the release of the draft EIS, they are still committed to these values.

From the onset, the company's plan was designed to solve the legacy impacts that remain at the site while funding full-scale restoration through the life of the project. If permitted, the project would provide America with its only domestically mined source of the critical mineral antimony, bring more than 500 direct family wage jobs to rural Idaho, and provide a way to finally and fully restore the site.

Midas Gold has developed a well-laid Plan of Restoration and Operations based upon input from community members, environmentalists, recreationalist, Tribal governments, and other governmental agencies. For example, the company's plans to reconnect salmon to their native spawning grounds, implement a Dark Skies compliant lighting plan, allow access through the site, and utilize an alternative access route to the site all came from listening to the public and conservation groups.

Midas Gold has done its due diligence to come up with a plan to address water quality concerns, leaching metals, erosion and sediment issues, and fisheries concerns by returning the fish to their natural spawning grounds while intending to mine with safety as its core value. I encourage you to adopt Alternative Two outlined in the DEIS as you evaluate the project moving forward. The plan is well thought out, sensible, and environmentally robust.