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Comments: As a resident of Yellow Pine, the community closest to the proposed site, I am proud to submit my comments in support of Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our region with an incredible opportunity to bringwell-payingjobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and use private investment to clean up a brownfield site in need of private investment.

The Stibnite Gold Project will generate significant federal, state and local taxes over the life of the project, with the company contributing around $86 million in state taxes over two decades. The economic benefits tied in with the environmental restoration of the site provide a win-win for the citizens who live in the surrounding communities, the state and the general population.

If the Stibnite Gold Project goes into production, Idaho would see a huge economic benefit. Midas Gold plans to invest $1 billion in the state, contribute millions in state and local taxes, and make improvements to roads and power grid near the site. The company has also made a pledge to hire locally whenever possible and plans to provide around 1,000 jobs for Idahoans throughout the life of the project. Midas Gold salaries will be approximately two times higher than the local salary. It is impossible to ignore the positive trickledown effect an investment of this size would have on our c01nmuuity and economy.

Most importantly, Midas is ready with a comprehensive plan to address environmental proble1ns that if left unaddressed will surely get worse. Under Alternative 2, Midas Gold will pick up and reprocess legacy tailings contaminating the water, which will reduce long-term metal presence in the ground and surface water (DEIS 4.9). Right now, arsenic and antimony levels far exceed human health standards at multiple points across the site. In addition, today fish are not able to swim past the Yellow Pine pit to their natural spawning grounds. When fish are reconnected to more habitat upstream, findings from the DEIS show

Alternative 2 will increase productivity and diversity of these isolated populations. (4.12-33) Thank you for reviewing my comments. Again, I urge you to permit Midas Gold's project under Alternative 2.