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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts.

I have reviewed the draft EIS Plan and the company's modified Plan of Restoration and Operations and I believe the Stibnite Gold Project is the right opportunity to repair the environment and bring an economic boost to the community. As proposed, the project finances environmental reclamation and provides the workforce and resources necessary to complete it.

Currently, salmon are blocked from their native spawning grounds and hundreds of tons of sediment are pouring into the watershed each year. Thankfully, findings in the draft EIS show that solutions presented by Midas Gold will help both the fish and the area's water quality. As the propose, Midas Gold will treat water to lower levels of harmful pollutants like arsenic, antimony and mercury in the river. This investment will cause concentrations to be below the current baseline conditions. (Chapter 4, Section 9-70) Moreover, removing historical barriers will help fish diversity and overall productivity in the area. (Chapter 4, Section 12)

Additionally, the Stibnite Gold Project is good for the Idaho workforce. Midas Gold's strong commitment to hiring locally and using local vendors and suppliers helps build our economic base. The salaries of the positions at the Stibnite Gold Project will be approximately two times higher than typical jobs in Valley County. The financial security and on-the-job training opportunities these positions bring has the potential to bring meaningful change lo families throughout the region. Additionally, we know mining brings more than jobs and robust wages to our state, it promotes the development of secondary businesses and the production of more goods and materials right here in Idaho.

Thank you for the thorough review of the Stibnite Gold Project. After reading through everything, I urge you to now move forward with Alternative 2, and permit the mine so Midas Gold can put Americans back to work. What is most important to rne is that the community of Yellow Pine have access to Thunder Mtn. through the Stibnite Gold project site.