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Comments: Please accept this letter of support for Midas Gold Idaho's modified Plan of Restoration and Operations (PRO). Fish and wildlife are critical to Idahoans, however, because of past mining projects at Stibnite, some of our aquatic life has been put in jeopardy. Midas Gold's MOD PRO acknowledges the damage caused by past mining companies in the area and has committed to remedying those issues caused long before Midas' arrival.

Having a company who voluntarily spends millions of dollars to fix problems other companies caused shows just how much Midas Gold cares about our community and our natural habitat's wellbeing. Midas Gold intentionally developed its plans to minimize impacts on aquatic wildlife, like developing and implementing opportunities to maintain watertemperature, improvingwaterquality, and establishing a temporary fish passage to open up passages faster.

Fish populations in the headwaters of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River are clearly a priority in the company's plans analyzed in the draft environmental impact statement (EIS).

For example, Midas Gold wants to use construction efforts for the Stibnite Gold Project to restore fish passage past the Yellow Pine pit and generally expand the habitat and spawning grounds in the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. During operations, fish will have a temporary ability to reach the upper portions of the East Fork of the South Fork and Meadow Creek through a fish-friendly tunnel, providing immediate access for fish passage for the first time in 80 years. Then when the project is complete, fish will have a permanent solution to swim to the headwaters byway of a completely rebuilt waterway through the backfilled Yellow Pine pit and will be able to access roughly 6 miles of existing, enhanced, and/or restored habitat.

I truly believe that Midas Gold's plan will not only result in a prosperous company but will bring our environmental surroundings back to a thriving state. I want to thank Midas Gold for their dedication to our community and I implore the U.S. Forest Service to adopt Alternative 2 of Midas Gold Idaho's modified Plan of Restoration and Operations