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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide my support for the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the public permitting process. I live in Yellow pine and know this project will have a positive impact on the environment, communities surrounding the site and Idahoans.

The Stibnite Gold Project will generate significant federal, state and local taxes over the life of the project. Estimate show the company will contribute \$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 United States.

After reviewing the draft Environmental Impact Statement, I can confidently say Alternative 2 is the best option. It would limit the footprint of the project through solutions like eliminating the West End development rock storage facility and would more efficiently improve the surrounding area through plans like extending the lining in Meadow Creek to protect against streamflow reductions. Alternative 3 would cause us to miss out on water quality benefits because under this proposal the tailings storage facility would be moved to more functional habitat and leave the existing tailings unprocessed.

I am impressed with Midas Gold's current dedication to repairing legacy environmental issues at the site from mining activity that took place on and off for more than 100 years. This is a major investment. Government agencies would not have the budget to perform all the necessary reclamation work. This private/public partnership is the right approach for Idaho and will solve environmental issues while providing the area with a significant economic boost.

As proposed, the project finances environmental reclamation and provides the workforce and resources necessary to complete it. If Midas Gold isn't allowed to move forward with its plan, this area in Idaho's backcountry will continue to suffer. Currently, salmon are being blocked from their native spawning grounds and hundreds of tons of sediment are pouring into the watershed each year. It is time to address these issues and Midas Gold has the right plan to do it.

To me, Alternative 2 of Midas Gold's plans clearly embodies the company values and their mission to take care of the environment and keep the community safe. After reading my letter, I hope you can see why you should permit the Stibnite Gold Project. This project is a good thing for Idaho, helps decrease America's dependence on foreign countries for critical minerals and cleans up the environment.