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Comments: I am writing to express my interest in the Stibnite Gold Project moving forward. I write to you as a wife, mother, and Idahoan. I believe that the economic benefits of such a project far outweigh the cons.

I am a former recruiter for the mining industry, I have seen, first hand, the economic life changing benefits a job in the mining industry can give. As a former recruiter for one of the largest gold mining companies in the world, I had the pleasure of extending job offers to 1000s of people from all backgrounds and skill levels. I can tell you that the economic impact mining can have on an individual, the family and the community is immeasurable. These high paying jobs offer peace of mind and opportunities not seen by many industries.

I have also seen the benefits to small communities where mines operate. Mine companies like Midas, take great pride in being part of their communities they operate in; after all, the miners are a part of the community. Schools, community centers, parks, and more, can all benefit from the wonderful donations that these companies contribute to their communities. There is also the advantage of having the high paid workers living within your communities. These people spend their money within their communities helping all businesses big and small.

As a mother and Idahoan, I love this place. I want my children to explore and enjoy the same Idaho we have today. I believe we can do that while still opening mines and creating jobs. Mining companies in the U.S. take great care upon environmental impact by funding research and development. All of the mines I have visited are held to high safety and environmental standards, especially in the U.S. through various agencies, internal audits, and MSHA The miners maintain a clean and safe work environment so they can come home to their family and community,

Ms. Jackson, I believe that Midas will add abundant advantages to the McCall area and greater Idaho by putting that historic mine site back into operation. I implore you to let them go forward with this project for the betterment of the community, our next generation, and growth in Idaho.