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Comments: I am writing today to voice my support for the permitting of the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho. Idaho needs responsible corporate citizens that are willing to invest in our local communities with beneficial projects and communicate with local residents in a transparent way. Midas Gold fits that bill with this much-needed mining and restoration project.

The Stibnite mining district has sat neglected for far too long with long-term damage to its fisheries, water quality and the natural habitat. In stepped Midas Gold with the Stibnite Gold Project, a responsible mining plan specifically designed to restore the site and fix the problems hurting the environment. As part of that plan, the company has already set aside tens of millions of dollars to restore the site before mining even begins. At the end of the day, some $1.1 billion will ultimately be invested in the project.

The community is aware of these project details and more thanks to the unbelievable transparency of this company that has set the "gold standard" for other mining companies to follow in executing similar projects. Throughout this project, Midas Gold has actively involved the community as it solicited feedback and kept residents apprised every step of the permitting process.

They continue to do so as the process slowly move forward, even creating the Stibnite Advisory Council to gamer further input from Valley County residents. The council is comprised of eight local communities that have been given a seat at the company table with the opportunity to help mold the Stibnite Gold Project. In another nod to transparency, the minutes from meetings between Midas Gold and the council are readily available to the public.

The engagement and transparency that has happened thus far bodes well for the future of this project and Midas Gold's relationship with the community. Add in the hundreds of jobs and tax revenue it will generate and it becomes clear this is a project Valley County welcomes.

I hope you agree and adopt alternative 2 laid out by Midas Gold in their proposal.