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Comments: I am writing in support of Midas Gold's "Stibnite Gold Project" in Valley County, Idaho. Before retiring 13 years ago, I worked 43 years in the mining industry. The last 30 years of which, I managed or was the senior operating officer of various mining operations. I know what a safe, clean and economically successful mining operation looks like.

I am favorably impressed with the Midas Gold's activities. I like their early focus on high quality "cleanup" [of prior mining activities] while carrying out an aggressive exploration program. It now appears they have developed a resource of gold, silver and antimony that will be mined profitably, safely and environmentally friendly. The Project's cleanup, development, mining and reclamation activities will produce wealth and opportunity for the area, the state of Idaho and our nation while providing hundreds of high paying jobs for local Idahoans.

From the operations revenue, Midas is committed to bring back an ecological system lost during near century-old prior mining operations. I refer you to a quote from a portion of Midas' "Restore the Site" document "Midas Gold's Core Values" (ES.4) presented in September 2016:

"In aligning the Project with our core values, Midas Gold has adopted the following conservation guidance principles for the Project:

* Conduct restoration, mining, milling and reclamation activities in an environmentally responsible manner;
* Locate Project infrastructure on previously disturbed areas wherever practicable;
* Design and construct facilities to minimize impacts to aquatic and terrestrial wildlife, improve habitat across the Project site, and protect anadromous and local aquatic populations;
* Protect and improve local surface water and groundwater quality; and,
* Repair, relocate, or construct new ecologically diverse stream channels and wetlands to mitigate those disturbed by legacy and new mine development."

What appears to be the most popular reclamation activity will be the restoration of the Fishery lost many years ago. Midas's "Plan of Restoration and Operation" describes a plan that reestablishes safe fish passage through the existing old mining area to the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. Very impressive!

I have no financial or professional connection with Midas Gold. Although I do not know any employee personally, I have met some of the staff and listened to their geological and environmental presentations at mining and geology society (SME) meetings in Boise. I also met one of their geologist on the exploration site near Stibnite while visiting the area five years ago. I was impressed by the positive impact Midas had already made on the area's infrastructure, road maintenance, firefighting and prevention equipment as well as an overall invigoration of the Yellow Pine community. They appear to have become a welcome addition to the community. They are good neighbors! I do not expect that will change anytime soon.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on this project.