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Comments: It is with great pleasure that I write to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in the Plan of Restoration and Operations during this public input process.

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 necessarily reclamation work. This private/public partnership is the right approach for Idaho, and aims to solve environmental issues while providing economic support.

The company is limiting its footprint to existing disturbance as much as possible to minimize new disturbance, and they aim to restore natural fish spawning routes after decades of blockage. Unfortunately, if Midas Gold Idaho cannot move forward with its plan, it is highly unlikely that these critical improvements will ever happen.

Through their collaboration with stakeholders at all levels, they have come up with a plan that will not only help Idaho's economy but also help restore a legacy site. Their plan has considerable community support.

Reviewing Midas Gold's plans it is clear to me the company really believes in taking care of the environment and keeping the community safe. I urge you to permit Alternative 2 outlined by Midas Gold Idaho.