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Comments: If approved, the plans that Midas Gold have put forward for the Stibnite mine will allow for the restoration of decades of damage left by previous mine inhabitants. I am happy to support Midas and their plan in order to allow for central Idaho's environment to heal and once more return salmon to their spawning grounds.

For nearly a century, the rules and environmental protections needed to mine, including Stibnite mine, were virtually nonexistent. As a result, decades of environmental abuse have now diverted waterways and decreased water quality from tailings. With stronger environmental protections required now, Midas Gold has gone above and beyond what is expected of them and is not only working to protect the environment, but they will be restoring it. Salmon are currently unable to access their historic spawning grounds naturally- the East and South Forks of the Salmon River were diverted years ago and have made this natural event impossible. For the first time in decades, there is hope that soon salmon and other fish populations will be able to return to their original waterways and travel up the Salmon River thanks to Midas.

Their plan is to return the East and South Forks of the Salmon River to their original locations and improve the water quality at the same time. However, it is understood that a project as large as diverting a waterway takes time, and Midas wants to help as soon as possible. To help salmon and other fish return to spawning grounds before the waterways are returned to their original location, Midas Gold has engineered a multi-million dollar fish passageway for multiple species of fish to safely make the journey to their former spawning grounds. The fish passageway goes above and beyond all safety regulations and shows Midas Gold's commitment to the delicate ecosystem around them.

Midas Gold has made strides to ensure they are a community partner in saving the environment and are not a corporation who cares nothing of what they will leave behind. Because of this partnership, I ask you to approve Alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho in their Plan of Restoration and Operations.