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Comments: The combination of mining (which Idaho has a rich history in) and environmental protection (equally important to Idahoans) makes the Stibnite Gold Project as appropriate for Idaho as one can possibly imagine. The level of technical accountability at this project is second to none, which I experienced in my time as an exploration geologist on the site in 2010. In this time I experienced not only the development of a truly world-class ore deposit, but also an ever-present concern for the safety and sustainability of the natural area which it occupies. I have no reservations about voicing my complete support for the development of this outstanding domestic resource.

I would specifically like to voice my support for the protections to groundwater and surface water resources provided by the modifications to the tailings storage in the ModPRO. The proposed modifications (i.e. extra liner layering and extensions at Hangar Flats), shows a desire to protect onsite and downstream water resources ultimately preserving downstream environmental conditions. This level of concern and care is often overlooked in the mining industry, and should not go unappreciated.

This project is a great opportunity to show what is possible in the mining industry with modern techniques and viewpoints concerned with natural conservation. As an area touched by mining in the past, it is imperative that further development holds the values of environmental sustainability and reclamation as paramount, and I believe the team at the Stibnite Project holds those values.