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Comments: Ms. Jackson,

As a participant in the Stibnite Advisory Council since its inception in 2018, I have worked closely with Midas Gold Idaho to hear the many different details regarding their plan for the Stibnite project. Our committee has requested in-depth information regarding the implications this project will have on our communities. As the representative for New Meadows, a small town where major changes in economics and environment are felt at a very personal level, I have been intent on considering all the ramifications of this project for our area. Midas Gold has never hesitated to present all the information we pursued. They have answered questions and developed a Q&A document online for review by all who are interested.

The proposed project will have definite impacts on our area. The additional jobs and support businesses that will be available are extremely appealing. The restoration of the project site is a benefit to us all. I know there are concerns with how this will actually look when work is begun, but, based on my interactions with Midas Gold and the information they have freely given, they have done an amazing amount of work to consider all aspects of the project and make plans accordingly.

There was concern that part of the workforce that is currently manning our small, local industries will be affected by the project and we will be looking for workers. Midas Gold has put out a workforce survey to solicit information regarding what types of employees might be interested in working on the project. This survey has been helpful in determining how our local businesses will be affected by the new job offers. Based on the input from survey participants, we will probably see an additional pool of potential local business employees due to the influx of families into the area with wives or husbands who do not work at Midas Gold but are looking for a job. Some of the jobs may be filled by those who do not live in the area, but have the opportunity to visit local businesses and increase revenue.

Midas Gold has been open and receptive to meeting community needs with the resources they will provide, such as transportation and education. The full impact on our housing market is yet to be seen, but the conversation regarding that current dilemma and how it might be addressed when the Stibnite project is in operation has been a productive and hopeful dialogue.

In reviewing the Alternatives listed in the draft EIS, Alternative 2 presents the best plan for the project from a regional, local and on-site perspective. It covers important priorities for local residents and addresses the environmental concerns in the most beneficial manner. The other Alternatives include plans which will negatively impact the environment, local industry and social/economic status.

We have heard many complaints and concerns regarding the historical actions of previous mining companies who have not been interested in the environmental and social impact of their project. Sadly, there have been irresponsible actions taken in the past which have negatively affected our region. Moving forward, though, requires a positive and proactive response to the challenges of restoring and maintaining our beautiful area. Midas Gold has stepped up, offering to help us with our continued goal to preserve the beauty of Idaho while providing for the much-needed economic benefits this project affords. It seems that progress will never be achieved if we remain stuck in the mistakes of the past, refusing to move beyond the "should-haves" into the "will-dos".

I support the permitting of the Stibnite Gold Project and look forward to the continued dialogue with Midas Gold in the future regarding the project's influence on our community.

Thank you!

Julie Good