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Comments: I support Alternative 5, the no-action alternative to the proposed reopening of the Stibnite Mine by Midas Gold Idaho Company.

There is no need for mining gold at this time. Very little of the gold that has been mined to date is used for any productive purpose. The vast majority of gold that has been taken from the ground throughout history has been stockpiled in useless items (e.g. currency, bullion, and jewelry). Any gold that is needed for a productive use could easily be recovered from this stockpile of already mined gold.

It is very costly to the environment, the wildlife, pristine rivers and fish, and to the economy to source this mineral from the ground. Rather than the government supporting more devastation to the earth for this mineral, the people of the United States would be taxed less by having a government buy-back of gold that is sitting in people's drawers and jewelry boxes, or in pawn shops.

Midas Gold and its predecessors have identified the location of gold at the Stibnite site and that is good and should be recorded in case there is ever a need in the future for mining it. Although it is hard to imagine what need that could ever be as there is no loss of value to recycling gold indefinitely.