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Comments: The Stibnite project will not only bring countless direct jobs to rural communities in the state of Idaho but it will also result in the increase of indirect jobs (mechanics, trucking, etc). This will help raise the quality of life of hundreds of individuals who have been hit hard by urbanization and globalization which has been largely responsible for the loss of rural jobs in recent decades. As a result the project will improve the quality of life of countless individuals within Valley County and the state of Idaho at large. Moreover, the East fork of the south fork of the salmon river (EFSFS) has been impeded and polluted with arsenic and other waste chemicals from improperly disposed of tailings for the last 80 years. Previous efforts have failed to restore the stream flow, which would allow salmon and trout to reach their spawning habitat upstream of the Stibnite mine, and Midas' project is the only effort in recent time that comprehensively plans to restore the fish habitat and restore access to the spawning grounds upstream of the yellow pine pit. Their plan also includes backfilling of the yellow pine pit within ten years of operations at the mine. As a result of Midas' thorough plan and commitment to environmental restoration at the site and job creation in the community, I support the Midas Gold project to reopen the Stibnite mine.