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Comments: Ms. Jackson:

Thank you for offering the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project DEIS. Growing up in Johnstown, PA, and fishing mountain brook trout streams with my dad since not long after I could walk, I developed life-long appreciation for the beauty of nature. While an event perhaps not as familiar to Idahoans as the Teton Dam tragedy, I also developed an appreciation for nature's power and the consequences of poor engineering in witnessing the 1977 Johnstown flood and learning about the far more devastating 1889 Johnstown Flood. 150 years of coal mining in the area also left me no stranger to the resulting mine subsidence and acid mine drainage. While I've since sought bigger trout and bigger landscapes in the West, those experiences have stayed with me, and informed my 20+ year career in civil and environmental engineering - developing expertise in tailings and water dam safety, hydrology, hydraulics, stream restoration, and water quality. Over the last 8 years of that career, I have had the privilege of being involved in the Stibnite Gold Project. From the start, Midas Gold has been committed to doing things the right way - not repeating the mistakes of the past - but rather, undoing them, to leave the site better than we found it. From upfront removal of legacy waste; early restoration of fish habitat and access; robust, protective, and safe long-term tailings storage approach; and on to nearly 10 years of scientific study, exhaustive alternatives analysis, and modeling that continues even now to improve the Project; Midas Gold has taken a genuinely different, innovative, and progressive approach to brownfields redevelopment that I hope will be adopted elsewhere. The next steps lie with the Forest Service. I respectfully request the Forest Service provide a complete picture of these and other Project environmental benefits in the FEIS alongside impacts, and urge you to select Alternative 2 for the Stibnite Gold Project. I request the Forest Service advance it towards final approval and help us restore Stibnite the right way.

Thank you,

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