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Comments: I am writing to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project. I am an environmental engineer that has spent 20-years cleaning up contaminated sites in California, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington including some abandoned mine lands. I know firsthand the damage caused by mismanaging our resources and not respecting our natural environment. However, my support for this project comes quite easily after following development of the project over several years, speaking directly with Midas Gold representatives, attending several presentations, and reviewing the EIS.

This is a great example of how mining should be done: addressing legacy mining impacts; frontloading restoration at the start of the project and continuing throughout mining operations; following responsible mining practices that comply with current environmental standards; involving the local community, listening, and addressing their concerns; and providing critical minerals like antimony and gold from our own resources rather than importing minerals from overseas where mining practices aren't necessarily required to adhere to our high environmental standards. I feel that this is an important point: we need minerals to fuel the growth of a much-needed green economy. Why would we want those minerals mined overseas, under less environmental scrutiny, and then shipped to the US when we can provide those minerals from our own resources right here at home (with a smaller carbon footprint)?

Additionally, this project will improve the environmental quality of lands historically impacted by past mining practices and restore the East Fork of the Salmon River for salmon migration and spawning-something that hasn't happened in 80 years and likely won't happen unless a private interest undertakes the task. Although I am not a resident of Idaho, this project seems a win-win for Idaho residents, neighboring states, and the nation by addressing damaged environmental resources and providing critical minerals.