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Comments: I am writing to you to voice my support for Alternative 2 presented in the draft environmental impact statement for the StibniteValiey Project. Midas Gold Idaho's project will bring tremendous economic and environmental benefits to Idaho.

According to Midas Gold's 2014 Pre-Feasibility Study, the Stibnite Gold Project can produce at least 4 million ounces of gold and 100 million pounds of antimony. This untapped resource that will bring financial prosperity to the Stibnite region . On top of that, I trust Midas Gold as they have put nearly a decade into studying and analyzing the historical Stibnite mining district.

The financial prosperity that will stem from the hundreds of jobs that will be available through the project cannot be overlooked in your consideration. During the construct ion period alone, this project would directly employ 600 to 700 people with an annual payroll equaling $42 million to $49 million. Throughout the entirety of operations, Midas Goid anticipates 500 direct jobs for members of the community with an annual payroll of $48 million to $51 million, with positions ranging from management, administration, equipment operators, general laborers, mechanics, elect ricia ns, engineers, surveyors, geologists and environmental and safety specialists. Moreover, Midas Gold has committed to prioritizing the hiring of local residents th rough out the life of the project and is committed to providing opportunity to the local communities .

Compared to similar operations in Idaho, Midas Gold's compensation would average more than double of the current salaries, going from $35,000 to roughly $80,000. The company will also support training opportunities for Idahoans throughout the life of its project by working directly with schools, community colleges and the Idaho Department of Labor.

Aside from providing economic opportunit ies for individuals in the community, Midas Gold's project will produce$506 million at a federal level and $218 million in state and local taxes, which will pay for schools, road repairs, infrastructure and more. This revenue will be a result of costs that stem from the total life of the project and total life-of-mine.

On top of this great economic opportunity we also have repairs for the environment that will help the site for generations to come. After rev iewing the draft environmental impact statement it looks like Alternative 2 will improve "productivity and diversity" of the species in the area. Specifically Chapter 4 says, long-term access to historically blocked crit ical habitats would result in increased productivity (Ch 4.12 Fish Resources-4. 12-39).

Overall the economic and environmental benefits are a great opportunity for Idahoans, which is why I am so passionate about having your support on this venture. This investment is not only for Idaho, but also for each of the members of our community whose lives wou!d benefit tremendously. Thank you for your consideration.