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Comments: I am Cecilia Tyler a lifelong resident of Donnelly. I was born in McCall at the doctor' s office before there was a hospital. I grew up in Donnelly, high school in McCall, undergraduate degree from Idaho State University, and graduate degrees from the Colorado School of Mines and the National Defense University in Washington D.C. I left Donnelly for an almost 27-year service in the U.S. Army. I feel I am well qualified as a resident , educationally, and from a long[shy] term service to our country to comment on and recommend approval of Midas Gold's application to clean up Stibnite and ethically mine at Stibnite.

Additionally , I served in a capacity where I traveled to Russia for a five-year period to inspect their nuclear facilities. I know what failure to protect national resources is and I tell you Midas Gold ' s actions are the "gold" standard for conservational , ecological , and environment care.

I strongly support the Stibnite Gold Project and Midas Gold's efforts to ethically and safely mine for gold and antimony. I am a strong conservationist but understand that in a world short of critical materials and solid mining laws, we must find ways to coexist and each achieve goals when possible. This is an instance where I believe we can both coexist and achieve results that would benefit each position. This area is my living area; my husband and I recreate here - I want it to be pristine. Midas will ensure the area is cleaned up now and restored after they mine.

My reasons for supporting Midas Gold may be similar to others and their reasons but frankly these are the facts as I see it. It is important to me that the land in our area remain clean and accessible to all. I know that Midas Gold is already trying to clean up the old mining area in and around Stibnite. Midas Gold already has a proven track record of starting to restore the site, yet there are efforts to stymie them at every turn - they are cleaning the area now!

I strongly support Alternative 2. I believe it is the lowest overall risk, impacts the environment the least, and identifies the best transportation alternative that has no major fish bearing waterways impact. I strongly believe that Alternative 5 is not a real option since its foundation

is to do nothing- we cannot do nothing; we must clean up the ugly ecological and environmental conditions at Stibnite.

I support Midas Gold ' s efforts to mine at Stibnite for three reasons: ecological, conservational and environmental; economic; and Nation Security reasons detailed below:

Ecological, Conservational and Environmental Issues: The current conditions at Stibnite are unconscionable. Currently there is a mess and it is shameful that the Federal government and anti-Midas environment al groups have done nothing or very little to clean the site. In addition to cleaning the Stibnite area now, Midas Gold ' s plan to further clean the area as it mines will reduce poisons in the water that exist now . Midas' actions to further process any tailings they produce will reduce arsenic levels, a known toxin that exists now . This will make the water cleaner for the South Fork Salmon. Midas will build fish tunnels that will allow the South Fork Salmon clean and protected access to their natural spawning area s. This will greatly improve and restore the salmon population . Finally, the current bonding laws will periodically review the bonding and project to determine if a larger bond is required. This will ensure Stibnite is cleaned up and restored.

Economic Impact: Today the average income for workers in this area is just under $40,000. Midas will pay their employees a wage and benefit package of approximately $80,000 per year. Benefits are rare for the majority of

Valley County workers. Midas projects to bring 1,000 well[shy] paying jobs over the life of the project. It is estimated an additional 1,000 jobs will be created to support Midas, the workforce, and others in the area. In addition to jobs, it is estimated Midas will pay $329 million in Federal t axes, $86 million in State taxes and licensing as well as increased payments to the local tax base.

National Security Considerations: In addition to gold and some silver, a major mining mineral will be antimony. Antimony has been declared a strategic material needed by the United States and national security industries. Antimony is needed by the aerospace, information technologies (IT), medical , and firefighting industries. At this time ZERO antimony is mined in the U.S. Today 96% of all antimony is mined in five countries: China (76.9%), Russia (6.9%), Tajikistan (6.2%), Bolivia (3.1%), and Australia (2.7%). We cannot rely on China and Russia for our supply of this critical mineral. We must create and protect our supply chain.

Midas Gold has been a reliable , ethical, and fair partner with our communities. They are already cleaning the Stibnite mining area. I wholeheartedly support the Stibnite Midas Gold Project and ask you approve their permit.