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Comments: Greetings,

My wife and I had the pleasure of taking a tour of the proposed Midas Gold project on the old Stibnite Mine site in 2017. We do believe the project will never receive any attention toward a clean up effort in our lifetime if the Midas Gold project is not approved. We also believe the related 10 plus years of job creation and trickle down effect of payroll monies in this area is good for Idaho and the local economies.

If Midas Gold Idaho is allowed to move forward with the Stibnite Gold Project, they will reclaim an area impacted by historical mining, create hundreds of well-paying jobs and provide a huge boost to our economy in the process. It is a win-win for Valley County. We need to permit the project.

The team at Midas has spent countless hours researching and designing the best possible solution for water quality conditions at the site. By cleaning up the legacy tailings that are currently sitting unlined in the valley floor, Midas will improve the water quality for fish, wildlife and nearby residents. Alternative 2 includes a plan to neutralize the metals in the tailings before they are stored in the fully lined facility. This will greatly improve ground and surface water conditions at the site and be a big step forward to improving the environmental conditions at the site. I prefer Alternative 2 because it will allow bring solutions to the site in the most timely manner. Alternative 3 and 4 would delay these benefits by two years and, sadly, Alternative 5 would leave the site as it is today and conditions would likely only get worse.

Thank you for reviewing my comments. Again, I urge you to permit Midas Gold's carefully thought out plan as outlined under alternative two.