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Comments: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project. I know this company through my job at Western States CAT. In my opinion, they have been open, transparent, and willing to help information Idahoans about the plans. They want people's feedback and involvement on the project design. It is an admirable pledge. Additionally, I found the 60 days allotted and the online resources provided by the U.S. Forest Service meaningful and sufficient for public review.

First, the Stibnite Gold Project will generate significant federal, state and local taxes over the life of the project. Estimate show the company will contribute $86 million in state taxes over two decades. The economic benefits tied in with the environmental restoration of the site provide a win-win for the citizens who live in the surrounding communities, the state and the general population.

Second, there are prioritizing the long-term health of the fish in the Salmon Ri ver. According to conclusions in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the company will also be able to increase productivity and genetic diversity of isolated populations of different fish like chinook, bull trout and steelhead by opening up long-term access to blocked habitat (4.12-33).

Thank you for reviewing my comments. Again, I urge you to permit Midas Gold's carefully thought out plan as outlined under alternative 2.