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Comments: I support Midas Gold and the Stibnite Gold Project efforts to mine at Stibnite. I ask you approve Midas Gold's application to mine for gold and antimony. I currently live in Alabama where I retired with over 33 years in the Army. Holding the highest rank technical officer grade in the Army I understand complex projects of a technical nature. I am a strong conservationist and have a connection to Valley County through my stepchildren and through my in-laws. Additionally, my step daughter attends Boise State University. Our entire family send time in the summers and winters in Valley County and we want the area to be clean for all to use. We recreate and relax in Valley County.

My entire family and I support the Midas Gold Project and we believe Alternative 2 is the best course of action to proceed with the mining in the Stibnite area. The other courses of action all have significantly more issues and are not optimal. Additionally, Alternative 5 is not viable since its premise is to do nothing - a non-starter from my perspective. We must clean up the Stibnite area.

I base my support for Midas Gold on three reasons:

1. Ecological and environmental reasons: Midas is already cleaning up the Stibnite area. No other entity currently or previously worked to clean up the area. If the project is not approved nothing will be done. Fact is nothing has been done in the past 30 years to clean up Stibnite. No one other than Midas Gold - they are already cleaning up the area.
2. Economic reasons: Midas will spend over a billion dollars to ethically mine Stibnite. It will create about 1,000 jobs throughout the life of the project and the trickle down result will probably bring in another 500+ jobs. The 1,000 jobs that Midas will create will pay over $70,000 and provide benefits. Finally, the tax impact will help our depressed area.
3. Any knowledgeable military officer will mention the importance of antimony. Antimony is a strategic material that is critical to the aerospace, medical, and information technologies. We do not produce antimony in the United States. We must rely on imports and this is unacceptable for a mineral that is critical to our national security. We cannot rely on China and Russia to supply our needs.

I request you approve Midas Gold's request to ethically, safely, and "restoratively" mine at Stibnite