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Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho with a great economic and environmental opportunity. It is with great pleasure that I write to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to adopt the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in the Plan of Restoration and Operations as the preferred alternative during the EIS process.

As Chairman of the House Transportation Committee, Idaho roads and access to roads is very important to me. Midas Gold has spent a lot of time educating the community about its project and seeking input from us on how to make it better. I have been particularly impressed by their willingness to integrate suggestions on the roads to make travel to the project site safer and how to maintain access for the community. I believe using Burntlog Road offers the best possible solution and I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select this as the preferred access route moving forward.

Throughout the project, Midas Gold Idaho plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and contribute \$86 million in state and local taxes. Further, the company will invest hundreds of thousands of dollars to upgrade community infrastructure including roads and power lines. Such investments in rural Idaho will have an incredible impact

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and adopt the preferred alternatives outlined in Midas Gold Idaho's Plan of Restoration and Operations.

Representative Joe Palmer
House transportation committee chairman