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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits it will bring to Idaho. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair.

If the Stibnite Gold Project moves forward, it will cost \$1.1 billion to construct and another \$230 million each operational year, injecting hundreds of millions of dollars into Idaho's economy. In fact, local impacts on the economy from Midas Gold's direct job creation are estimated at \$18.1 million per year for construction and \$18.5 million per year during operations. This is an opportunity our community can not overlook. If Midas Gold can bring a positive economic impact to the region and a positive environmental impact to the site we should let them.

Thank you for reviewing my comments. In speaking with Midas Gold employees and reading the DEIS, I believe alternative 2 is a win-win for us all. I encourage you to permit the Stibnite Gold Project under alternative 2 as quickly as possible.

Thanks Again,