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Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's comment period. I work with Western States CAT and I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans. In fact, for the last decade they have been very transparent in sharing their plans, bringing people to site for tours and holding presentations to explain parts of their design that people have questions on. This is a unique company with a commitment to transparency. Therefore, I ask that you adopt Alternative 2 ask requested by Midas Gold Idaho.

Midas Gold has carefully researched the Stibnite Gold Project since 2009. They even resubmitted their proposal to the USFS to reflect changes that will reduce their environmental footprint and incorporate concerns brought up by the community. These suggestions are reflected in alternative two – including the proposed road to site to keep traffic and potential pollutants away from our waterways. The company selected using Burntlog Road after many discussions with local residents. In my mind, actions speak louder than words and Midas Gold has proven they will be a good partner moving forward.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and adopt Alternative two as the preferred alternative.

Please keep my comments in mind,

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