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I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project. I am an employee with Western States CAT and know personally the economic potential this company can bring to the region.


Foremost, 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. Then they will also create hundreds of jobs and prioritize the hiring of Idahoans and vendors for other services. It's a bold commitment that shows this company's true colors.

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. For the last decade the company has spent tens of millions of dollars on scientific studies to design their plan. It is clear that Midas Gold Idaho has done their homework in researching and creating the most viable option to mine the area responsibly.

After reviewing the draft environmental impact statement I must urge you not to pursue Alternative 5, the no action alternative. Your own analysis says that Past-mining impacts have resulted in long-term impacts and the Stibnite Gold Project's activities could result in removal and/or stabilization of these past-mining impacts. (4.2.7)

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select Alternative 2 Midas Gold Idaho presented and permit the project.

Yours,


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