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Ms. Jackson and Staff,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this important project. When Midas Gold Idaho first introduced the the Stibnite Gold Project, we knew we had an opportunity to engage in a constructive partnership. I am writing to voice my support for this project and the economic opportunity it presents. Please allow them to move forward with Alternative 2. I would also like to thank the USFS for providing the resources, and sufficient time, to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project.

The Stibnite Gold Project is a significant investment in Idaho that presents a tremendous opportunity for local businesses. Western States CAT already works with Midas Gold on a number of things. We know their culture and commitment to Idaho. Midas Gold Idaho has committed to hiring employees directly within the state and using local vendors to supply the Stibnite Gold Project in its duration. Many businesses just like CAT will help with the operations of the project up at the historical Stibnite mining district or other logistics. Midas Gold Idaho plans to hire more than 500 employees from within Idaho, more than 100 of which will come directly from Valley and Adams County.

Midas Gold has made it clear reclamation efforts will start alongside operations. They have worked to find safe access routes to the site that keeps vehicles away from our precious waterways. Plus, the company is trying to minimize their impact on the environment by keeping facilities within the existing footprint of historic mining operations.

Thank you for the thorough review of the Stibnite Gold Project. I urge you to now move forward and permit the mine using alternative 2 so Midas Gold can put Americans back to work.

Regards,

Shellie Kent