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Comments: Attached is a letter from Governor Otter on the Midas Gold Stibnite Project. Please let me know if you have any questions.

I am writing to lend my support to Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project.

The project offers significant economic benefits to Valley County and the State of Idaho. While Midas Gold Idaho already has created nearly 30 high-paying jobs, there figures to be up to 1,000 jobs created during the life of the mine. Additionally, Midas Gold Idaho is committed to hiring locally, so Idahoans will be trained to fill these roles. The former brownfield site where the Stibnite Gold Project is located has a history of mining. Midas Gold Idaho is dedicated to restoring the site with the goal of leaving the mine and surrounding environment in better condition than exists there today.

Between restoring the site, making infrastructure investments and creating jobs, the project is an opportunity that should be seized. I respectfully request that the Forest Service adopt the proposed activities outline by Midas Gold Idaho in the Plan of Restorations as the preferred alternative during EIS scoping.

Thank you for time and positive consideration.

As Always - Idaho, "Esto Perpetua"

C.L. "Butch" Otter Governor of Idaho