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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Scoping Period. As an Idaho Representative, protecting our state's public lands is of great importance to me. I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans since they first came into our state, in large part because much of the proposed project will take place on public land. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities it will bring into our state.

Midas Gold Idaho has prioritized public access to Idaho's backcountry. In order to ensure safety of the community during construction and operations, Midas Gold Idaho plans to close Stibnite Road from Yellow Pine. The company feels the road is too dangerous to safely transport employees and equipment, however, they've come up with an alternative and it ensures all Idahoans have access to our public lands. The company is proposing using Burntlog Road. This route minimizes travel by waterways and takes advantage of existing infrastructure.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to pick this route as the preferred alternative moving forward.