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Comments: After reviewing the USGS annual comparison between domestically mined goods versus foreign imports it is apparent that our reliance on our own nations resources needs to be reinvigorated. The Stibnite Gold Project, as submitted to the US Forest Service in Midas Gold Idaho's Plan of Restoration and Operations, is good for Idaho's people, environment and economy. It is good for the U.S.

Based on the project's preliminary feasibility study, on which the PRO is based, the Stibnite Gold Project will generate significant federal, state and local taxes for nearly two decades estimated to be $329 million in federal corporate income taxes and $86 million in State corporate income and mine license taxes. These economic benefits tied in with the environmental restoration of the site provide a win-win for the public and citizens of the surrounding communities, the state and the general population.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest $1 billion in Idaho, bring hundreds of jobs to rural Idaho and improve Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project Idaho needs. I strongly encourage the U.S. Forest Service and cooperating federal and state agencies to proceed with the Plan of Restorations and Operations as the preferred alternative moving forward.

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