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Comments: Please see attached my comments for the Midas Gold Project Plan. Thank you.

The following are my comments supporting the Midas Gold Stibnite Project Plan.

As you are well aware, the Stibnite Gold Project area has been mined for over 100 years by numerous companies leaving legacy issues unsolved by either industry or government. The Payette National Forest and surrounding communities finally have workable, economic solutions thanks to the willingness of Midas Gold to tackle problems not of their creation. We all should be very grateful for their steadfast efforts for Idaho.

Midas Gold's excellent and well thought out Plan will use modern mining capabilities with a sustainable approach to solve these legacy issues to restore the environment using their own private resources. The Midas Gold has invested five years of environmental and economic study, a complete analysis of alternatives, plus numerous hours of community input to develop this Plan.

Midas Gold painstakingly studied many alternatives for each project phase of operations and restoration. The plan has selected the best options for the environment and the community while remaining economically feasible. A project of this scope must be economically viable to accomplish what government has been unable to do.

Few companies are willing to take on this type of risk and burden, while facing the typical opposition from taxpayer funded and subsidized NGOs, yet Midas Gold has not given up. Instead of continuing to allow entities who sue and throw stones stop restoration and economic growth, the US Forest Service should have the courage and common sense to allow industry to operate, provide good paying family wage jobs for Rural Idaho, contribute to the tax base and restore the environment. This project and Plan is a win-win for all who truly care about the environment and the people of Valley County and surrounding area.