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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Period.

Midas Gold Idaho has prioritized public access to Idaho's backcountry, which is a priority for a majority of Idahoans. In order to ensure the 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 route utilizing Burnt Log Rd. which would ensure continued access to our public lands for all Idahoans. This route minimizes travel by waterways and takes advantage of existing infrastructure.

The project will also bring huge economic benefits to Valley County. Midas Gold will directly employ 400-500 employees during construction and operations. Although Idaho's overall economy is doing well, it is these types of jobs that directly affect our smaller communities and keep them vibrant and solvent. Payroll is expected to exceed \$34 million, and these numbers do not even capture the indirect jobs I am confident Idaho will see from the Stibnite Gold Project.

Thank you for reviewing my comments. Again, I urge you to accept Midas Gold's carefully researched preferred alternatives and approve the project as it is currently outlined.