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Comments: It is with great pleasure that I write to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to adopt the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in the Plan of Restoration and Operations as the preferred alternative during the EIS process.

Midas Gold Idaho is proposing a great project for our economy, our citizens and our environment. The Stibnite Gold Project would help to properly restore the legacy Brownfield site in Idaho's backcountry and provide a significant positive economic impact. The company plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and provide approximately 1,000 jobs over the course of the mine's life. The company has made a commitment to looking to Idaho first for talent and supplies so this would have a huge trickledown effect.

The salaries of the positions at Midas Gold Idaho will be approximately two times higher than typical jobs in Valley County. The financial security these positions could bring to families has the potential to be life changing. I also appreciate that Midas Gold Idaho plans to have employees be on a two weeks on, two weeks off schedule. This allows Idahoans who live outside of Valley County, or who would not want to relocate to the area, the same opportunity to apply for these positions.

Through my conversations and from I have learned by reviewing their plan, I feel confident the Stibnite Gold Project is an excellent opportunity for our state. I urge you to accept Midas Gold's preferred alternatives and continue moving this project forward.