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Comments: I am writing to you today in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. After reading the U.S. Forest Service's draft Environmental Impact Statement for the project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho, I am convinced that it would be a boon to our economy and would have a positive impact on the lives of thousands of Idahoans.

Midas Gold Idaho is committed to ensuring high paying jobs, as well as a much needed inflow of capital into our states' economy. The company will look to hire Idahoans and has promised to utilize local vendors for goods and services whenever possible. Their project would be a \$1 billion dollar investment in our economy and Midas Gold estimates that they will hire up to 1,000 workers during construction, bringing high paying jobs back to Idaho.

Midas Gold is not only invested in Idahoans, but they are invested in also developing the workforce of the future. Midas plans to work with schools throughout Valley and Adams County, establishing after school programs focused on coding to help grow the STEM professionals of tomorrow. Through these programs they are increasing the value of Idaho youth's education and training our children for the high-tech jobs of the future.

I ask that the U.S. Forest Service adopt Alternative 2 considered by the agency and presented by Midas Gold. It is time to allow this project begin and start helping our communities.

I hope you will take my comments into considerations during the review process.