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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Draft EIS period for the Stibnite Gold Project.

Alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project presents a plan to repair the environment and boost Idaho's economy. Historic mining operations, development of former town site and natural processes have resulted in significant degradation of many elements of the environment. Loss of fish passage, potential water degradation from previous mining activity and excessive erosion are all of great concern to Idahoans. Right now, fish haven't swam past an abandoned mine pit for more than 80 years. Midas Gold will reconnect fish passage before mining ever begins. According to 4.12 of the draft environmental impact statement, providing access to these historically blocked areas can improve the genetic diversity of these isolated fish populations. The Stibnite Gold Project would finance reclamation efforts to address these problems and in turn boost Idaho's economy. It is a win-win for everyone.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit alternative 2 so this brownfield site can finally be restored.