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Comments: It is my duty as an Idaho State Representative to ensure my constituents with opportunities to succeed. The U.S. Forest Service has released its draft Environmental Impact Statement for Midas Gold Idaho's Gold Stibnite Project and I am writing to you today to express my support. I believe this project provides Idaho the perfect opportunity to enhance our state both economically and environmentally, securing a stronger future for all of our citizens. I commend you on your efforts thus far and hope you will consider the following remarks throughout the rest of your review process.

As a father of six, grandfather of 23, and member of the Education Committee, I understand how important it is for our children to receive a fulfilling education to prepare them for their future. The Stibnite Gold Project will generate tax revenues on a local level that will help us provide our children the tools they need to succeed. An independent economic study found that the project will produce over $150 million in local and state tax revenues and schools would benefit $300K annually from property taxes. Investing in our children's future is crucia l for the success of Idaho and Midas Gold's project will enable us to do that.

Midas Gold is committed to restoring lands that may suffer from accelerated erosion, deforestation and blocked waterways. Restoring t hese lands and waterways is costly, requiring private investment. In their proposal, Midas Gold promises to unblock waterways and focus on the spawning habitats of steelhead and salmon fish, which will provide a fruitful habitat for these fish for years to come.

Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project provides Idaho the chance to improve its environment, economy, and provide its children with the future they deserve. I would like to ask the U.S. Forest Service to adopt Alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho.