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Comments: As a native Idahoan and a representative of Idaho's 32nd legislative district, I am committed to securing the best future for our state. The Stibnite Gold Project, proposed by Midas Gold Idaho, fits squarely in that category. This project provides Idaho with an exceptional opportunity to diversify its economy and engage its communities and it should receive immediate approval.

As Chair of the Idaho House Resources and Conservation Committee, it is important to me that we support sustainable, responsible projects that have a profound economic impact on our communities. An independent study by Highland Economics on the economic impacts of the project found, during construction, the direct impact on the local economy would be \$18.1 million a year in taxes, wages and ancillary benefits. Critical public focused areas, including our schools and law enforcement, would realize more than \$300,000 a year annually from this project. Midas is committed to hiring local and supporting training opportunities for Idahoans by working directly with schools, community colleges and the Idaho Department of Labor.

Midas Gold is about Idaho and the company is committed to investing right here in Idaho, in our people and our products. This project is the type of long-term economic investment that our state desperately needs. Not only does it serve as an economic boon to our state, it also prioritizes and invests in the people of Idaho.

I urge the U.S. Forest Service to adopt Alternative 2 presented by Midas Gold in their proposal and to allow this project to move forward as quickly as possible.