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I thank you for the agency's continued stewardship of keeping our lands healthy and safe. The agency is a vital reason why Idaho and the rest of the country remains stunning. I also want to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho.

The Stibnite Gold Project is a great opportunity for our community that will benefit our economy and our environment" The environmental impacts from previous mining endeavors are still shown throughout our region" However, Midas Gold is committed to providing a restoration project to clean up the mess that has been left behind from over the last 100 years. Restoration projects are expensive, but our tax dollars will not go towards the project since Midas Gold will pay for this through private investment. Also, Midas Gold will be able to restore a salmon migration path that is currently blocked. Thankfully your draft environmental impact statement says in Chapter 4, Section 12 that fish populations would see increased productivity and diversity because of their efforts to help the environment. Clearly, Midas Gold wants to work with the U.S. Forest Service to achieve sustainability and have our ecosystems thrive.

Another benefit this project will provide will be the ability to stimulate our local economy. Our country has been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic. Thousands of Idahoans have lost their jobs and have had to file for unemployment insurance. This project will be the step in the right direction to boost our economy once again. Midas Gold would need to hire around 500 employees and provide them with high paying wages. These jobs would allow for people and their families to feel financially secure once again.

Another plus this project would bring would be that it would push 5300,000 annually into our local economy from property taxes. That money would benefit our infrastructure, schools and local government. The Stibnite Project would provide tremendous hope to our region especially in a time where hope is needed the most.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to accept Alternative 2 that was proposed by Midas Gold. This is an opportunity that will benefit our community for the long run. Thank you for your time and consideration.