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Comments: I am writing to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in Alternative 2 during this public input process.

This project reminds me of the Eagle Project in Michigan (formerly Rio Tinto/currently Lundin Mining), where extensive efforts were put into blocking the project by a variety of opponents. After several years of permitting efforts and millions of sunk costs, the project was permitted, built, and has been a major success for all stakeholders. Hundreds of great jobs have been created, contributing to the local economy. Skills have been developed which have helped the local population improve quality of life. Most importantly, the operators and their contractors have demonstrated that mining can be done in an environmentally conscious manner, to the benefit of all. I trust you can see the similarities between Stibnite Gold and Eagle, and support advancing the project.

I look forward to visiting the Stibnite site and catching (and releasing) a bull trout from the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River, once the water diversion tunnel has been built and the fish have repopulated the stream above the currently flooded pit!