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Comments: I wish to respond positively to the Midas Gold plan of restoration and operation (PRO) for the Stibnite Gold project. The concept of private investment in cooperation with the Payette National Forest is a rare opportunity to remediate past mining legacy, restore the salmon migration to their historic spawning grounds and improve the environmental issues of the area. The project will also create new jobs and improve the economic status of the Central Idaho area along with providing much needed mineral resources for the Nation.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) released by the US Forest Service provides the outline, the process, and issues to move forward with the project. This document is the result of input from a broad group of stakeholders including the public, local, state, and federal agencies and is a critical part of the NEPA process.

Together with the cooperation and expertise of all involved, I support moving ahead with the project to provide a solution to past legacy of mining issues; provide an economic boost to Central Idaho; and supply our Nation with critical mineral resources.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.