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Comments: As an Idaho native that has had to relocate to other states to work, and as a Health, Safety and Environmental manager, I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits it will bring to Idaho. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair.

Access to public lands is a right extended to all Idahoans. This is something Midas Gold understands and has prioritized in their Plan of Restoration and Operations. While some of the Stibnite Gold Project will take place on public lands, Midas Gold has made a commitment to the community to ensure access is preserved to people's favorite places. The company has promised to provide parking for winter recreationalists at their maintenance facility and submitted an additional plan to the U.S. Forest Service to allow Idahoans to continue to use Stibnite Road throughout the life of the project when it is safe. Their willingness to work with recreationalists to provide access gives me great hope for the future.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using the preferred alternative presented by Midas Gold, as expeditiously as possible.