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Comments: I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the past several years Midas Gold has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in its Alternative 2.

Midas Gold Idaho has prioritized public access to Idaho's backcountry. While the company feels Stibnite Road is too dangerous to safely transport employees and equipment to the site, they recognized how important this route was for residents who live in the area. The ModPRO they submitted to the U.S. Forest Service allows Idahoans to continue to access Thunder Mountain by driving through the site when it is safe and feasible. Review alternative 2 and you can see Midas Gold wants Idahoans to continue to have easy access to our public lands.

I grew up in North Idaho, hiking the mountains and fishing the lakes and streams. I understand the concerns about ensuring the health of the outdoor environment. I have worked in the mining field for over 30 years and have seen mining companies work extremely hard to ensure that they place their environmental stewardship first and foremost at the sites they mine. There are numerous mining companies that have impeccable environmental standards and maintain those standards through out the project including complete restoration. In all cases that I am familiar with the mining companies have left the land in pristine conditions and In some cases leaving a considerable improvement to the areas. It is the way mining companies chose to do business - the right way.

With that being said there are numerous agencies (EPA, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management) and groups (Local community, State, etc...) that have oversight and work with the companies to ensure that all EPA, Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and other agency standards and regulations are adhered to.

In short - mining companies are stewards of the land on which they work. They provide jobs and a future for people to make a living while maintaining the land on which they work. Mining is critical for mineral resources and can and is performed with the utmost care for the environment and the people of this country.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on the project. I urge you to move forward with alternative two.