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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts. I have watched this project evolve over many years and feel the established team is perfect to get this project moving.

If the Stibnite Gold Project goes into production, Idaho would see a huge economic benefit and one that is desperately needed in Valley County. Midas Gold plans to invest \$1 billion in the state, contribute \$86 million in state and local taxes and make improvements to roads and power grid near the site. The company has also made a pledge to hire locally whenever possible and plans to provide around 1,000 jobs for Idahoans throughout the life of the project. Midas Gold salaries will be approximately two times higher than the local salary. It is impossible to ignore the positive trickledown effect an investment of this size would have on our community and economy.

I have personally supported Midas on engineering concepts for this project and have seen their desire to balance the needs between environmental resources, safety, cost, traffic impacts, and many others. They have absolutely led this project with the highest degree of integrity and passion.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and adopt Alternative two as the preferred alternative.