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Comments: I am writing today to express my support for Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project and encourage you to allow this opportunity to move forward in the permitting process. This project will provide Idaho with unparalleled economic and environmental opportunities that will ensure Idaho has bright future.

The Stibnite Gold Project will be a \$1 billion dollar investment in Idaho. An independent economic analysis estimated that the project will generate more than \$150 million in local and state tax revenues, with our local communities also obtaining \$300K annually from property taxes alone. This economic activity will benefit Idaho's schools directly and generate opportunities previously unavailable. Investment like this will also foster new investments and allow Idaho to attract new business and grow our economy for years to come.

One of the most critical components to Midas Gold is its commitment to hiring and training local employees. As a general contractor in the Treasure Valley hiring local is important to me. Considering Idaho ranks among the lowest for per capita income and wages, this project is extremely important for our state's employees. The positions will pay more than four times the salaries commonly available in Valley County. Local jobs support our Idaho' families ensuring our state can build a stronger workforce.

After careful consideration, I encourage you to accept Alternative 2 provided by Midas Gold Idaho in their proposal to the U.S. Forest Service and allow this project to come to fruition here in Idaho.