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Comments: I would like to express my support for Midas Gold Idaho's proposed Stibnite Gold Project and Alternative 2 examined in the draft Environmental Impact Statement.

An important benefit Midas Gold's project will bring to Idaho and the region is the economic and social contributions to the surrounding communities. According to Midas Gold's 2014 Pre-Feasibility Study, the Stibnite Gold Project can produce at least 4 million ounces of gold and 100 million pounds of antimony. This untapped resource will bring financial prosperity to the Stibnite region as it did in the past.

This financial prosperity will also stem from the hundreds of jobs that will be available through the project. During the construction period alone, this project would directly employ 600 to 700 people with an annual payroll equaling \$42 million to \$49 million. Throughout the entirety of operations, Midas Gold anticipates 500 direct jobs for members of the community with an annual payroll of \$48 million to \$51 million, with positions ranging from management, administration, equipment operators, general laborers, mechanics, electricians, engineers, surveyors, geologists and environmental and safety specialists. Midas Gold has committed to prioritizing the hiring of local residents throughout the life of the project and is committed to providing opportunity to the people who live near the site.

These economic benefits are a great opportunity for Idahoans, which is why I am so passionate about ensuring your support on this venture. I encourage you, the U.S. Forest Service to consider these economic projections in making your final decision. Thank you for your consideration.