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Comments: Idaho is a special place. I grew up here. After moving away for work a few years ago, Idaho drew me back. There's nowhere else on Earth you'll find forests, rivers, mountains, and valleys quite like ours. And there's nowhere else you'll find people who are so committed to preserving that incredible wilderness. I am committed to that, and so are the people with Midas Gold. That's why I strongly encourage you to support Alternative 2 and Midas Gold Idaho during the draft EIS process.

Midas plans to source all talent and resources from Idaho before looking elsewhere. Midas will also hire employees for a range of positions, including general laborers, miners, geologists, safety technicians, and managers. With salaries averaging \$80,000 annually, families throughout the region will be able to save, and invest their disposable income into Central Idaho's economy. According to official estimates, the Stibnite Gold Project will generate tens of millions of dollars in commerce, supporting small business and bolstering the local economy.

In addition, Midas Gold will help protect and preserve our nation's forests and national parks. Learning from past mining projects, Midas has committed itself to complete environmental restoration of the Stibnite region. Midas has already planted 55,000 trees and plans to reclaim dozens of acres of forest which have been lost to past mining projects.

I look forward to the comprehensive environmental restoration the company has planned.