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Comments: This letter is to express my support of Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project. America needs this project to be permitted. I hope after reading my thoughts you will understand why my support for Midas Gold Idaho is so strong.

The Stibnite Gold Project will bring huge economic benefits to Idaho, particularly in Valley County. Midas Gold will directly employ 400-500 employees during construction and operations. Payroll is expected to exceed \$34 million. These numbers do not even capture the indirect jobs. Some third-party estimates show one indirect job will be created every time Midas Gold hires an employee. The project has the potential to have a positive, widespread impact on the state.

While the economic benefits of this project cannot be ignored, it also will transform an area in need for environmental repair. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward as outlined in alternative 2 within this 60-day comment period.

I have worked in the mining industry for over 30 years and have been witness to a few legacy sites that were left and not closed properly. The improvements and to meet environmental compliance is best dealt with with a responsible mining company that can go in and bring the site back up to compliance stands. I believe that Midas Gold is one of these companies that is responsible to take on this task. Not only would it be good for the Idaho economy but for the environment as well.