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Comments: I have worked for Midas Gold at Stibnite for nearly nine years. I am proud to work for a company that is so committed to safety and environmental stewardship. Midas gold has put together a project with a great economic resource and plan to restore an area that needs repair.

Midas Gold has been working on the Stibnite Gold Project for over ten years collecting scientific data and information to create the best project possible. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement Alternative 2 is the alternative that will create the best project possible.

Alternative 2 places the tailings storage facility (TFS) within the Meadow Cr. valley. The Meadow Cr. valley has extensive disturbance from previous mining. By Placing the new TFS in this valley Midas will have the opportunity to clean up legacy tailings that currently degrade water quality and keep from disturbing more previously undisturbed land.

Alterative 2 also outlines a new access route to the project that will be vital to keep safe access to the project. The proposed route primarily stays on ridge tops, which will help to keep traffic away from waterways and falling or sliding debris that could land on the road.

We live in a consumer society and our society needs resources to live the way we want. Midas Gold will be able to provide critical metals that are extracted in an environmentally sound way right here in the USA.

This project is a true opportunity for Idaho and the county. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit alternative 2. I appreciate the Forest Service extending the comment period 15 days beyond the required 45-days. The 60-day comment period is enough time for the public to review and comment on the project.