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Comments: Two years ago I went and toured the Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. I was very impressed with the work Midas has done, especially with their concerns for the environment and the future work they are planning. This project is an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and use private investment to clean up a brownfield site.

I previously worked for the Forest Service and I truly believe in this project. Previously we've had environmentalists who do not understand Idaho but think they have the right to push their values on us, but believe that their answer is the only answer. Look at what they've done to our economy as far as our timberland.

The company has shown a clear interest in understanding and remedying concerns around the project. They have taken the time to work with the community to develop solutions that work for everyone. The company didn't need to do this but they did because they knew it was the right thing to do. Their plan has considerable community support.

There has been more than sufficient time to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and adopt Alternative two as the preferred alternative.