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Comments: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as it will directly impact me and my access to the backcountry. I may not reside within the state, however as I have family still living in the area we frequently recreate around where the proposed project is. As such, I have been following the progression of the project and at first was worried about the impact to my backcountry access; but now I am very excited for the work Midas will be doing to reclaim the land and repair past damage as they mine. I wish more prospective mining projects had this forward thinking!

The Stibnite Gold Project will generate significant federal, state and local taxes over the life of the project. Estimates show the company will contribute \$86 million in state taxes over two decades. The economic benefits tied in with the environmental restoration of the site provide a win-win for the citizens and non-citizens alike.

Midas Gold wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. We should let them. The Forest Service has given meaningful time to review the document and comment. Further extensions are not necessary and will only hurt Idahoans by delaying the benefits of the project. Please permit Alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project as outlined in the draft Environmental Impact Statement.