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Comments: I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of the National Environmental Policy Act.

Midas Gold Idaho believes in a local workforce and has promised to hire Idahoans whenever possible. The company will provide employees with training and help our state build a more skilled workforce. These jobs are not entry level positions and the skills are valuable in other industries outside of mining. Midas Gold estimates salaries will be two times higher than the local average in Valley County. This can make a big difference in the life of many families.

Idahoans need to see the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project come to life. The comment period should be kept to 60 days, so the process can continue to move forward. It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select the modified plan of restoration and operations Midas Gold Idaho presented, known as Alternative 2 in the draft Environmental Impact Statement, and permit the project.

Related to snowmobiling...When we were first approached about the issue of the Landmark Road remaining open, we were concerned that with snow-covered roads snowmobilers would be driving treacherous road conditions trying to get to Landmark versus parking at the bottom like we do now and taking the groomed trail. The main objective of this initial conversation, on my part, was that we knew the powerline was going to be rebuilt which would lead to that maintenance road being updated and improved a little. With this in mind they could improve it enough to make it a safe route to groom a trail for the winter. This would also open new area for snowmobiling.