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Comments: I am happy to provide my comments on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's comment period. I have been following this project closely since Midas Gold Idaho first announced their plans to improve the public access into the Thunder Mountains and improve the existing streams to support aquatic ecosystem. Much of the proposed project will take place on public land. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities for the future.

Midas Gold Idaho prioritized public access to Idaho's backcountry. Understanding that Stibnite Road is too dangerous to safely transport employees and equipment to the site, Midas Gold Idaho recognized how important this route is to the residents in the area. The plan they submitted to the U.S. Forest Service is well thought out and gives Idahoans the opportunity to access Thunder Mountain by driving through the site upon the completion of the work. This plan, alternative 2, gives the public an insight of what to expect as a final outcome and outlines the work and investment Midas Gold Idaho is prepared to undertake. The ultimate goal is to give Idahoans easy access to our public lands.

Midas Gold Idaho will invest \$1 billion in Idaho state alone and bring hundreds of jobs to rural Idaho and provide access to Idaho's public lands. These are the types of projects Idaho needs. The U.S. Forest Service has provided Idahoans with meaningful tools to easily review the document and ample time to comment. As an avid outdoorsman and someone who spends more than 100 days per year in Idaho, I am encouraging the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project in accordance with alternative 2.