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Comments: Midas Gold Idaho submitted its modified Plan of Restoration and Operations to the U.S. Forest Service and I write today to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project.

Midas Gold has been a great partner in the region and has created their plan in full transparency so that the community understands exactly what is being proposed for the historical Stibnite mining district. We have also all been given the opportunity to tour the site to see firsthand what this all entails. I have no doubt that Midas Gold's plan is comprehensive and will be extremely beneficial to our community, the state of Idaho, and our country.

Aside from the fact that Midas Gold is proposing to clean the historical wreckage left by previous miners at no cost to the taxpayers, the economic boom that will be brought to our region is welcome and needed. The Stibnite Gold Project will benefit not just company employees; annually, the impacts from local job creation are estimated to be \$28.8 million in annual local income during construction, \$29.3 million per year during operations and \$5 million per year during final reclamation. This income - through direct employees and the contracting of Idaho vendors - will help families in the region tremendously.

Midas Gold has also committed to being a good community partner and has devoted itself to playing a key role in initiatives that support education, the environment, and community health. They have already spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in road maintenance and have spent more than \$265,000 on local community giving projects. Midas Gold Idaho employees have also volunteered thousands of hours of their time to charities and organizations throughout our region.

The Stibnite Gold Project should move forward and I join the thousands of Idahoans in expressing my full support. I urge you to accept Alternative 2 of Midas Gold Idaho's modified Plan of Restoration and Operation and grant all the permits necessary for this project.