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Comments: I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the past several years Midas Gold has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in its Alternative 2.

In my past I have been involved in the cleaning of brown sites in NY, PA, and FL and invariably the biggest obstacle is cost. Here you have a private company pledging \$1 billion dollars to clean the site. This is the perfect melding of private and public factions to benefit the local community. Sure they have something to gain or they wouldn't be making the offer. Everyone is motivated by something. For you it's the good you can do in public service and for them it's the profit they can make while doing good. However there are also other positive considerations (see below).

Midas Gold Idaho has prioritized public access to Idaho's backcountry. While the company feels Stibnite Road is too dangerous to safely transport employees and equipment to the site, they recognized how important this route was for residents who live in the area. The ModPRO they submitted to the U.S. Forest Service allows Idahoans to continue to access Thunder Mountain by driving through the site when it is safe and feasible. Review alternative 2 and you can see Midas Gold wants Idahoans to continue to have easy access to our public lands.

This Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. I am grateful for the tools the Forest Service has provided to review the DEIS and learn more about the project. These tools have given Idahoans sufficient time to comment. Please permit alternative 2 and continue moving the project forward so our citizens can reap the positive impacts.