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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Comment Period. I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans since they first came into our state, in large part because 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 it will bring into our state.

I am a long-time resident of Idaho and have been aware of this project for several years now. I strongly support this project for several key reasons, but foremost is the restoration of our beautiful public lands that will take place in conjunction with the project's development. It is clear that Midas is going out of their way to put environmental safety and restoration front and center. For example, according to the DEIS, "it is not anticipated that soils in most of these areas would recover naturally." However, Midas Gold can change the future of the site. The company is already composting and has further plans to help soils recover throughout the life of the project. After looking at the tools provided by the USFS, I feel strongly that Alternative 2 is the best option moving forward. It addresses the purpose and need of the agencies in a manner that provides environmental advantage and economic feasibility over the other analyzed alternatives. With so much promise for the site's future, I hope Alternative 5 is removed from the table. There is finally an opportunity to restore the site and it is an opportunity that shouldn't be passed up.

My second most important reason for supporting this project is the tremendous boost to our local economy and all the jobs that would be created by its development. Given what COVID 19 has done to our economy this year it is even more important now. I hope you will permit alternative 2 of the Stibnite. This project is good for Idaho and good for the country. We should not delay moving forward on this project any longer. Sixty days is long enough for the comment period.