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Comments: I am a native Idahoan and love the outdoor opportunities this beautiful place has to offer. I have raised my family here because Idaho is a great place to live and raise a family. The state has so much to offer everyone. I am writing to voice my support for the Stibnite Gold Project Alternative two proposed by Midas Gold Idaho.

The Stibnite Gold Project would bring economic benefits to Valley County and all of Idaho. Why wouldn't we allow a private company to spend millions of dollars to restore an area that is in severe need of restoration? This company will provide much needed jobs and pay millions of dollars in taxes for the life of the project. Valley County survives on the tourism industry which is very volatile, we need to add diversity for this area by providing great paying jobs that actually offer medical benefits to their workers and their families, unheard of for most of the jobs in rural America.

In looking at all of the alternatives proposed by the Forest Service it is apparent that Alternative two is the best option for Idaho and has the least amount of impacts to the area. Unfortunate that the Forest Service didn't show Appendix D with the Executive Summary because the effects can be misleading if you do not see the entire reclamation plans as well. I liked seeing that Alternative one was the original plan and that Midas is willing to continue to review and make the plan better as they go. I am anxiously awaiting the final EIS to see what other adjustments Midas is proposing to make the plan the best it can be.

Alternative three does not make sense to me since that would pollute another watershed and add acreage to the amount of disturbed area and Alternative four doesn't make sense because crossing a waterway is much better than traveling along side a waterway, so Burnt Log road would be the best option. This just opens up the potential for a spill and additional sedimentation going into the rivers. The no action alternative 5 does not help Idaho nor Valley County and seems silly given we have private money willing to do the clean up for us.

I am strongly in support of Midas Gold's plan, and I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to approve Alternative 2 outlined in the Draft EIS. Get this project permitted, it will be a great win for Idaho!