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Comments: As a native Idahoan, and the representative of Idaho's 6th District, I am passionate about what the future holds for Idaho and my constituents. The Stibnite Gold Project, proposed by Midas Gold Idaho, has the potential to positively impact the lives of hundreds of Idahoan s and ensure major growth for our state's economy. After careful review and consideration of the U.S. Forest Service's draft Environmental Impact Statement I would like to express my support for this project and encourage it s completion.

As the Vice Chair of the Idaho St ate House Local Government Comm it tee, it is important for to me to back opportunities for growth in our local communities. The Stibnite Gold Project will have long standing, positive impacts on local economies resulting from job creation and additional tax revenues. The estimated economic impacts for local communities is up to \$18 million per year during construction, more than \$18 million per year during operations and more than \$3 million per year during reclamation. During the 20 year duration of the project (construction, operations, and closure) the project is estimated to generate more than \$150 million in st ate and local tax revenues. These revenue increases will positively impact our local communities including schools and emergency services. Midas is committed to hiring local and supporting training opportunities for Idahoans. These economic opportunities for our st ate and local governments are why it is so import ant that Midas is allow ed to proceed.

Midas Gold is about Idaho and committed to investing in Idaho's future, our people, and our businesses. The Stibnite Gold Project is a long-term economic investment our state cannot afford to pass over. Not only is this an economic benefit to our state, it also prioritizes the people of Idaho.

After careful consideration, I urge the U.S. Forest Service to adopt Alternative 2 as the preferred alt ernat ive and move this project forward as quickly as possible.