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Comments: As an Idaho Representative and former educator, I am deeply invested in Idaho's future and generating sound opportunities here for our state's youth. Therefore, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the U.S. Forest Service's draft environmental impact statement (EIS) and encourage you to adopt the Alternative 2 defined in the Plan of Restoration and Operations (PRO) for the Stibnite Gold Project. Overall, the project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho should be distinguished for its unprecedented economic, environmental, and community commitments.

Midas has an important plan to become a steward of environmental restoration. The project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho will take an area damaged by past mining activity and invest the capital needed to make that beautiful area healthy once again.

Midas Gold has already acted on its pledge to make this process a community-centric initiative. By developing the Community Agreement program, Midas Gold Idaho has given local communities an equal voice to provide input on the project design and created a system of transparency and accountability that will continue throughout the life of the project. It's a clear indicator of this company's guarantee to being a good corporate citizen and a model that we should not take for granted.

Again, I urge the U.S. Forest Service to adopt Alternative 2 laid out by Midas Gold in their proposal and move this project forward. I am pleased to welcome a company like Midas Gold Idaho that is clearly committed to investing in our communities and responsibly operating here for years to come. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter.