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Comments: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as it will directly impact me and my access to the backcountry.

The National Environmental Policy Act is a lengthy and rigorous process and data collection and scientific review and analysis. Midas Gold has not only spent years working with local, state and federal regulators, they've also spent years working with local recreationalists and community members, listening to their concerns. One of the many meetings resulted in the use of Burntlog Road, keeping road access available in the backcountry. This route will also keep traffic away from known avalanche areas and off of major fish-bearing waterways. This is a win-win for me and proves to me that Midas Gold is committed to doing the right thing.

Idahoans need to see the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project come to life. The comment period should be kept to 60 days, so the process can continue to move forward. It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S.

Forest Service to select the modified plan of restoration and operations Midas Gold Idaho presented, known as Alternative 2 in the draft Environmental Impact Statement, and permit the project.