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Comments: I am writing to express my views on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. The opportunity presented by the Stibnite Gold Project is compelling for many reasons and it is a project I want to see come to life.

The project will bring huge economic benefits to the rural communities surrounding the project site. Midas Gold will directly employ 600 to 700 employees during construction with a payroll ranging from \$42 million to \$49 million. These numbers do not even capture the indirect jobs that the Stibnite Gold Project will bring to the area. In fact, an independent estimate suggests the project will create indirect employment for approximately 500-800 people during construction and 400-600 people during operations. Those are numbers that can not be ignored.

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.