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Comments: Usfs,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the U.S. Forest Service's permitting process. This is an important project for Valley County and will have a significant impact on the community. As someone who explores, plays and cares about this region of Idaho's backcountry, I want to make sure the Stibnite Gold Project is done the right way.

After reviewing the DEIS using the tools provided by the U.S. Forest Service, I believe Alternative 2 is the best option moving forward. It limits the project footprint, keeps traffic away from key waterways, improves water quality and is economically feasible. The project would also provide key economic benefits to the region, such as family-wage jobs and a boost to the local tax base, as well as environmental restoration. Midas Gold currently is the only company with a feasible plan to fix the long-standing legacy issues at the site, such as blocked fish passage and degraded water quality. I feel confident Midas Gold will follow through on its promises to restore the site because of federal and state financial assurance laws. The regulations will require Midas Gold to set aside the necessary funds for restoration and reclamation before any mining begins.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than hundreds of jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. The U.S. Forest Service has provided Idahoans with meaningful tools to easily review the document and ample time to comment. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project following alternative two.