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Comments: I write today to the United States Forest Service to voice my strong support for the Plan of Restoration and Operation, which Midas Gold has submitted. As a resident of central Idaho, I have long supported mining operations in the Stibnite-Yellow Pine region. This particular project, once approved, will provide hundreds of jobs to hardworking families in the region, and will restore forests and ecosystems that have long been degraded from past mining projects.

We strongly support this project because Midas Gold has proven itself a company that we can trust. Already, Midas has spent \$350,000 in infrastructure upgrades to reduce sediment runoff from transportation, and has recycled 4,000 tons of waste. In addition, Midas has planted over 55,000 trees, and has reclaimed 33 acres of forest that were previously lost to deforestation. They have communicated all of their plans through a Community Agreement that they established with eight of the closest communities to the operation site. Through an open forum, which encourages active dialogue, Midas will hear the concerns and inquiries of residents from Adams County, Cascade, Council, Donnelly, Idaho County, New Meadows, Riggins, and Yellow Pine.

Midas Gold has also shown a willingness to work collaboratively with recreational groups to address any additional access concerns that have arisen during the project. In fact, many of the changes laid out in their Modified Plan of Restoration and Operations (Mod PRO) were a result of collaborative, open dialogues with outdoor groups. The company has worked to keep access to Idaho's backcountry open and kept our member's safety a top priority in the design and operation of the proposed Stibnite Gold Project.

For the following reasons we strongly encourage you to support Alternative 2 as presented by Midas Gold.