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Comments: I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. As a snowmobiler, I have been able to get know members of the company over the past few years. Throughout this time, Midas Gold has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to adopt the proposed activities outlined in Alternative 2 during the permitting process.

The study of the Stibnite Gold Project brought to light the environmental conditions existing at Stibnite because of past operators. Arsenic levels in the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River are far beyond safe standards. If Alternative 5 is selected, how will USFS address these legacies impacting the waters of Idaho? Who will pay to provide permanent and volitional fish passage? No one has stepped up to clean the site yet and I find it highly unlikely another opportunity like the Stibnite Gold Project will come around . Midas Gold has presented plans to improve water quality and fish habitat under Alternative 2. Section 4.12-39 of the DEIS shows reconnecting fish to more habitat upstream will increase productivity and diversity of these isolated populations. We cannot let the site continue to suffer.

This Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. Please permit alternative 2 and continue moving the project forward so our citizens can reap the positive impacts. I also ask that you keep the comment period to 60 days, it has already been extended once and we do not need to extend it again.