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Comments: DEAR MS JACKSON,

I am proud to submit my comments in support of Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state with an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and use private investment to clean up a brownfield site.

After reviewing the DEIS, I hope the U.S. Forest Service will select Alternative 2, as it seems to be the best option for the site. Under this alternative, Midas Gold designed a very safe Tailings Storage Facility, with 90 percent surrounded by granite mountains and the rest retained by a dam buttressed by 65 million tons of course rockfill. To date, the company has a stellar safety record. They have a nearly decade-long record of transporting hazardous materials without incident; since 2011, they've conducted over 195 successful fuel hauls involving 279 fuel trucks and have gone several years without a significant spill. If the other alternatives are selected, it could slow down the environmental and economic benefits of the project [acirc][euro]" in the case of Alternative 5, it could even mean the site receives no attention and the problems we are experiencing today would simply remain.

This Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. I am grateful for the tools the Forest Service has provided to review the DEIS and learn more about the project. These tools have given Idahoans sufficient time to comment. Please permit alternative 2 and continue moving the project forward so our citizens can reap the positive impacts.