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Comments: U.S.F.S. Officials,

As an employee of the MDSD school system, I have had the pleasure of being involved with Midas in bringing programming in science to Donnelly Elementary school. Midas Gold Idaho has been a member of our community for the past decade. During this time, the company and its employees have become fantastic supporters of our community and schools. They've volunteered their time in our school and given generously to community causes. The company's track record of following through on its promises and doing the right thing gives us the confidence to write in support of permitting the Stibnite Gold Project.

The U.S. Forest Service's online meeting room has made it easy to review the document and comment. That work is appreciated and helpful in understanding the well researched and planned project. Looking at the document, there is a clear advantage to Alternative 2 compared to the other options. According to a figure in Chapter 4, Hanger Flats pit lake would fill by year 14 of operations in Alternative 2. Under Alternative 1, it would take 19 years. The faster the lake fills up, the faster groundwater levels will recover around the lake. Alternative 3 and 4 would both delay the project by two years and cost substantially more. Alternative 3 would also place the tailings storage facility in a pristine reach of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. While Alternative 4 would put mine traffic to site right next to the river.

Midas Gold wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. We should let them. The Forest Service has given meaningful time to review the document and comment. Further extensions are not necessary and will only hurt Idahoans by delaying the benefits of the project. Please permit Alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project as outlined in the draft Environmental Impact Statement.