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Comments: I am proud to welcome Midas Gold Idaho into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project. A vendor that works with Midas Gold on projects to support their business employs me. Their activity to date in the state has brought economic investment, revenue, and community funds that are desperately needed, especially now during this time of economic uncertainty. I am thankful for their presence and hopeful the U.S. Forest Service will see the merits of their project from an economic and environmental perspective. After reading through the alternatives proposed by the USFS, Alt 5 seems unacceptable. If private industry is willing to take on past legacies, what will happen to the environmental legacies at Stibnite if there is no action? The answer is nothing and the environment will continue to suffer. In the draft environmental impact statement, you say as much. In section 4.2.7, the Forest Service notes that, "Past[shy] mining impacts have resulted in long-term impacts to the natural topography and the SGP activities could result in removal and/or stabilization of these past-mining impacts." We need this project to do what our government cannot and has failed to do: put up the funds to save the environment.

It is with these points in mind that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to continue to move the project forward and permit the site using Alternative 2 as the guide.