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Comments: DEAR MS JACKSON,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the U.S. Forest Service's permitting process. This is an important project for Valley County and will have a significant impact on the community. As someone who explores, plays and cares about this region of Idaho's backcountry, I want to make sure the Stibnite Gold Project is done the right way.

What I like about Midas Gold's plan is that it offers solutions for damage caused by legacy operations and creates a brighter future for the site. For example, Midas is cleaning up old mining waste from projects dating back to the WWII era. I know that Alternative 2 is a holistic proposal that addresses existing issues and protects against their reoccurrence. Tailings are just one issue related to mining projects, and Midas is addressing them directly. Under Alternative 2, the company will construct a long-term storage facility for future waste from mining operations. The facility is designed to withstand an earthquake up to 6.5 on the Richter scale. I feel confident the company has considered multiple scenarios in the design, so it will be able to operate continuously with no problems in order to protect the environment.

The comment period has been extended once already. It should not be delayed further. This only delays Idaho from recognizing the benefits of the project. The current USFS timeline provides plenty of time to review the DEIS and comment. After reviewing the document, I encourage you to permit alternative 2 of the project.