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Comments: Midas Gold Idaho has been a member of our community for the past decade. During this time, the company and its employees have become wonderful champions and supporters of our community. They've volunteered their time in our schools and given generously to community causes. My employer, Western State CAT, are also heavily involved in our community. When we see companies supporting their community, we know it's a company we want to work with. Midas Golds 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 Stibnite Gold Project will generate significant federal, state and local taxes over the life of the project. Estimate show the company will contribute \$86 million in state taxes over two decades, and they have already started a foundation to make sure their communities are getting the support they need.

According to a study conducted in 2017, compensation on the Stibnite Gold Project would average approximately \$80,000 a year based on comparable operations in Idaho. Furthermore, Local impacts on the economy from Midas Gold's direct job creation are estimated at \$18.1 million per year during construction, \$18.5 million per year during operations and \$3.6 million per year during reclamation. The economic benefits tied in with the environmental restoration of the site provide a win-win for the citizens who live in the surrounding communities, the state and the general population. When fish are reconnected to habitat upstream (4.12-39 of the DEIS) long-term access will increase productivity and diversity of these isolated populations and bring anadromous fish to their native spawning grounds for the first time in 80 years.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and restore a historical legacy site in desperate need of repair. This is the type of project our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to pick alternative 2 as the preferred alternative moving forward.