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Comments: I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as it will directly impact me and my position at Western State CAT.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than hundreds of jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs and companies like mine would benefit from.

The company realizes the Stibnite Gold Project site has been damaged after nearly a century of mining and that something must be done if we ever want to reclaim this brownfield site. Midas Gold Idaho wants to restore the site and take care of the environment through mining. I believe alternative 2 as outlined by the U.S. Forest Service is the best chance to help the repair the historic Stibnite Mining District. This alternative will result in better water quality in the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River due to lower concentrations of antimony, mercury and arsenic (DEIS 4.9-70). An additional 26.5 km of habitat for anadromous salmonoids becomes available before mining begins with the construction of the fish passageway around the Yellow Pine pit (DEIS 4.12-13). Alternative 2 would also provide a net gain of 11.1 km of intrinsic potential habitat for steel head trout and 12.4 km for bull trout (DEIS 4.12-22). These are benefits that should be fully recognized.

The economic and environmental impact this project would bring to Idaho is a win-win for everyone. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, following alternative 2.