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Comments: I write today to the United States Forest Service to voice my strong support for the Plan of Restoration and Operation that Midas Gold has submitted. As a Western States CAT employee, with strong ties to the local community, Midas has proven itself a company that I can trust. I welcome their arrival into Stibnite-Yellow Pine, because not only will they bring jobs, but they will also restore our region's environmental health, creating a better environment for future generations to enjoy.

During these difficult times, our nation faces an unprecedented threat caused by Covid-19. Unemployment has skyrocketed, and shutdowns have cost our economy dearly. Approval of the PRO will allow Midas to begin the Gold Project, which will create hundreds of jobs during the construction and mining phases of operation. Midas plans to source all talent and resources from central Idaho's Valley County before looking elsewhere. Midas will also hire employees for a range of positions, including general laborers, miners, geologists, safety technicians, and managers. With salaries averaging \$80,000 annually, families throughout the region will be able to save, and invest their disposable income into Central Idaho's economy. According to official estimates, the Gold project will generate tens of millions of dollars in commerce, supporting small business and bolstering the local economy.

I strongly encourage you to support Alternative 2 as presented by Midas Gold.