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Comments: I am writing to voice my support for the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho. As a Western State CAT employee, this effort will create hundreds of spin off jobs. Independent estimates suggest indirect employment of 500-800 people during construction and 450-600 people during operations including personnel involved in the supply chain for consumables used at site, for transportation, for increased needs in local communities (e.g. teachers in schools, hospitality and commercial staff to meet increased demand, etc.) and other areas.

Idaho needs the wealth that mining can create without the accompanying environmental harm. The Stibnite Gold project can accomplish just that. Midas Gold's plan balances mining with restoration, using the former to fund the latter. Over the duration of the project, Midas Gold will reforest damaged land, repair polluted waterways, and remove toxic waste left behind by past operations. Simultaneously, they will provide 500 high-paying jobs, generate hundreds of millions of dollars in state and local taxes, and improve the well-being of thousands of Idahoans. It is difficult to envision a more exciting business proposal.

The Stibnite Gold project is the culmination of a decade of research, engagement, and planning towards a better future for Idaho. It would be a great shame to give up this opportunity to grow our economy and restore our environment.

Please approve Alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold in their Plan of Restoration and Operations.