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Comments: I urge you to support Alternative 2 that Midas Gold has submitted. Approval will allow Midas Gold Idaho to begin the Stibnite Gold Project, which will inject millions of dollars of revenue into the regional economy and provide hundreds of high paying jobs to hardworking Idahoans. It will also set the gears in motion for the environmental cleanup of the region which Midas Gold is committed to provide. Already, Midas Gold has planted 55,000 trees and has reclaimed 33 acres of forests which were lost to deforestation.

The economic benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project cannot be overstated. By allowing Midas to start mining, the region will see a major increase in commerce and sales as families go back to work. With a cost of roughly \$1.1 Billion to build and around \$230 million each year to operate, the Stibnite Gold Project will inject hundreds of millions of dollars into Idaho's economy, bring hundreds of jobs into the state and contribute significant local and state tax revenue.

Local businesses will thrive and flourish, and the state will generate hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue from both Midas Gold, its employees, and successful local businesses. As a CAT employee I cannot emphasize enough the economic value and impact this effort will bring to our area. I strongly urge you to support Alternative 2 by Midas Gold Idaho.