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Comments: I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the past several years Midas Gold has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in its Alternative 2.

Alternative 2 is the best proposal for Idaho communities. This alternative promises to create hundreds of local jobs. Midas Gold has committed to purchasing supplies locally as much as possible and have already spent millions in Idaho to date. The company predicts it will directly employ somewhere around 500 people during construction and operations of the mine. Independent studies also show hundreds of indirect jobs will be created as a result of the Stibnite Gold Project during both phases of the project. I am excited about the opportunities this could bring for Idaho families especially as our nation attempts to recover from the ongoing pandemic. But besides the economic benefits, the project will help our environment. Right now, the area of the proposed mine is a brownfields site. Cleaning it up will be expensive. And no one else is proposing to do the work besides Midas Gold. If the Stibnite Gold Project doesn't move forward, this burden will fall to us as taxpayers or more likely, the site may never get cleaned up at all.

The comment period for the project was already extended once. The U.S. Forest Service has given the public more than adequate time to comment, plus tools that make reviewing the document easy and a virtual meeting room to make information more digestible. It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to continue to move the project forward and permit the site using alternative 2 as the guide.