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Comments: I am proud to welcome Midas Gold Idaho into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project.

Of all the options being considered by the USFS, Alternative 2 seems to me to be the best for cleaning up Stibnite and protecting the environment for generations to come. The other alternatives all leave significant room for improvement. In Alternative 3, the tailings storage facility location is not as safe as it would be placed in a pristine part of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River while Alternative 2 keeps the facility in an area that has already been impacted by mining. Alternative 4 would keep access roads where they are today (right next to important waterways), while Alternative 2 moves access roads to site away from streams, creeks and rivers to reduce the risk of spills and minimize sedimentation.

Idahoans need to see the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project come to life. The comment period should be kept to 60 days, so the process can continue to move forward. It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select the modified plan of restoration and operations Midas Gold Idaho presented, known as Alternative 2 in the draft Environmental Impact Statement, and permit the project.