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Comments: Thank you for allowing me to submit my comment on Midas Gold Idaho's Plan of Restoration and Operations as submitted to the U.S. Forest Service. Midas Gold has been fully transparent in their development of the proposal and has allowed Idahoans to fully understand the project's scope.

Besides hosting dozens of tours and allowing hundreds of people to tour the Stibnite site, Midas Gold has made itself available to Idahoans by engaging all interested parties and addressing all concerns and suggestions. Even when tours and in-person events were not feasible due to the public health pandemic, Midas Gold hosted virtual forums for the community to be involved and hear from the company's leadership. As a proud CAT member, we like to be involved in our communities. I am glad to see Midas Gold focusing on ensuring benefits to support schools, local events, and organizations.

In addition, as part of the community agreement signed between Midas Gold and the eight communities closest to the project site, the company created the Stibnite Gold Foundation. The independently run foundation is a mechanism to empower communities to fund projects that meet the needs of their citizens and support initiatives that support shared community values. While Midas Gold has stated its intent to operate the Stibnite Gold Project long-term, the community agreement ensures its commitments remain for the future, even if there were changes within the team or ownership structure. This kind of agreement is the perfect representation for the kind of good faith partnership Midas Gold has entered into with the people of Idaho.

Midas Gold has also committed to the financial responsibility of cleaning up the environmental damages caused by prior mining operations even though they were not responsible for those damages, alleviating that responsibility from the Idaho taxpayer. The project's plan also includes the hiring of hundreds of locals for the construction and operation of the mine and the local sourcing of goods and services, bringing a very strong economic impact to our region.

I endorse Midas Gold Idaho's plan and recommend that you authorize Alternative 2 as proposed in the company's Plan of Restoration and Operations.