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Comments: I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. As an employee of Western State CAT, I have seen how Midas Gold is 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.

I believe that the opportunities this project could provide would be monumental for our economy. There would be 1,000 jobs immediately available to be filled just as construction begins, not including the additional jobs required to operate the mine while it is open and then once it is in reclamation.

Especially in our current economic state, these high-paying jobs would help for families to put food on their tables and improve the standard of living for thousands thanks to the work the Stibnite Gold project provides.

Additionally, I also support how the project presents a plan to repair the environment - particularly under Alternative 2. Their plan to restore the site and take care of the environment through mining is encouraging and shows that a new era of mining is here.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in our state and is the type of company our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, following alternative 2.