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Comments: I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. That's because Midas Gold Idaho presents a huge opportunity for the Gem State. Not only will it bring hundreds of jobs to central Idaho, it will also fix an area in desperate need of repair.

The Stibnite Gold Project will bring huge economic benefits to Idaho, particularly in Valley County. Midas Gold will directly employ 400-500 employees during construction and operations. Payroll is expected to exceed \$34 million. These numbers do not even capture the indirect jobs. Some third-party estimates show one indirect job will be created every time Midas Gold hires an employee. The project has the potential to have a positive, widespread impact on the state. As an employee of Western States CAT I see how our work with Midas Gold Idaho has help create partnerships and economic input that would otherwise be missed out on.

Therefore, I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select Alternative 2 Midas Gold Idaho presented and permit the project.