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Comments: I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. I encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold Idaho in Alternative 2 of the draft environmental impact statement. Midas Gold Idaho is proposing a great project for our economy, our citizens and our environment.

First, we cannot ignore the economic impacts. The Stibnite Gold Project would help to properly restore a brownfield site in Idaho's backcountry and provide a significant positive economic impact. In fact, if the project goes into production the company plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and provide hundreds of jobs over the course of the mine's life. The company has promised to look to Idaho first for talent and supplies so this will have a huge trickledown effect. Western States CAT already works with Midas Gold and it is an opportunity we want to see continue.

Additionally, the salaries of the positions at Midas Gold Idaho will be two times higher than typical jobs in Valley County. The financial security these positions could bring to families could be life changing.

After a decade, it is time we approve this project and allow Midas Gold to bring significant economic contributions to our area. I strongly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to adopt Alternative 2.