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Comments: It is with great pleasure that I write to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed alternative 2 outlined by Midas Gold Idaho during this public input process.

If the Stibnite Gold Project goes into production, Idaho would see a huge economic benefit. Midas Gold plans to invest \$1 billion in the state, contribute \$86 million in state and local taxes and make improvements to roads and power grid near the site. The company has also made a pledge to hire locally whenever possible and plans to provide around 1,000 jobs for Idahoans throughout the life of the project. Moreover, Midas Gold salaries will be approximately two times higher than the local salary.

Western States CAT is an example of a business that has already collaborated with this unique company and seen the benefits for our employees. It is impossible to ignore the positive trickledown effect an investment of this size would have on our community and economy.

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