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Comments: I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Midas Gold has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to adopt the proposed activities outlined in Alternative 2 during the permitting process.

Of all the options being considered by the USFS, Alternative 2 seems to me to be the best for cleaning up Stibnite and protecting the environment for generations to come. The other alternatives all leave significant room for improvement. In Alternative 3, the tailings storage facility location is not as safe as it would be placed in a pristine part of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River while Alternative 2 keeps the facility in an area that has already been impacted by mining. Alternative 4 would keep access roads where they are today (right next to important waterways), while Alternative 2 moves access roads to site away from streams, creeks and rivers to reduce the risk of spills and minimize sedimentation.

I urge you to accept Midas Gold's plan as outlined under alternative two. The U.S. Forest Service has provided the public with helpful virtual tools and materials to submit meaningful comments on the project within the allotted timeframe. It is time to move this project forward.