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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project and the draft environmental impact statement. I know Idaho's economy will be able to benefit from this project in the coming years. But the best part about Midas Gold Idaho's plans are their solutions to fix an area that has been plagued by years of unregulated mining practices.

Not only will the project generate significant tax revenues for the state, estimated to be more than \$86 million in state taxes, but it will also provide much needed job opportunities to Idahoans in a good industry with a large supply chain. Western States CAT works with Midas Gold in this supply chain. By approving this project, businesses like ours will be able to reap benefits that will grow our footprint and help our own Idaho employees.

In addition, during construction and operation, Midas Gold Idaho expects to directly employ 400 to 500 people, providing ample opportunity for other Idahoans across the state to find gainful employment.

I urge you to accept Midas Gold's plan as outlined under alternative 2 and continue moving this project forward .