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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Draft EIS period for the Stibnite Gold Project.

The Stibnite Gold Project will help to restore the environment in our region and as an industry member and avid outdoorsman, this is important to me. Under alternative two, Midas Gold has prioritized restoration work so many of the efforts occur early in the project. The company is also required to set aside all of the funds needed to properly restore the site in a special trust so the land will be restored no matter what happens to the company. Reclamation efforts have already started at the site. Midas Gold has planted thousands of trees and worked to reduce sediment entering waterways near the site. To me, these actions prove the company is truly committed to restoring the site.

I believe the industry and the environment can work together to clean up a historical mine site in desperate need of repair. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and adopt Alternative two as the preferred alt ernat ive.