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Comments: Western States CAT works with businesses across the region. However, I know firsthand Midas Gold is a unique company. Therefore, I would like to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project proposed and urge the U.S. Forest Service to approve alternative 2 and allow this project to proceed with construction and operation s.

The Plan of Restoration and Operations (PRO) clearly lays out the company' s well designed plan to repairing the environmental damage previously done while simultaneously employing hundreds of Idahoans to extract the minerals essential to our everyday lives and should be commended.

Midas Gold has promised to look to local Idaho vendors first throughout the life of the project. This would foster a wealth of new relationships between regional companies and other businesses in the area. Furthermore, local impacts on the economy are estimated to be more than \$18 million per year during construction, with another \$18 million per year during operations. These are needed funds we cannot afford to pass up.