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Comments: I am proud to submit my comments in support of Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state with an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and use private investment to clean up a brownfield site.

The Stibnite Gold Project will help to restore the environment in our region. 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. My company, Western State CAT has worked with Midas Gold over the years and we've seen the thousands of trees they've planted and to reduce sediment entering waterways near the site. I believe that these actions prove the company is truly committed to restoring the site.

Not only will they be restoring a site in desperate need of repair, they will also bring thousands of jobs to the region. For every direct job they create, one to two more indirect and induced jobs will spin off from it. This directly benefits my company and companies like mine. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward.