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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the public permitting process. I know this project will have a positive impact on the environment, communities surrounding the site and Idahoans. As an employee of Western State CAT, I am especially excited for this opportunity.

The Stibnite Gold Project will bring huge economic benefits to Idaho, particularly in Valley County. Midas Gold will directly employ 400-500 employees during construction and operations. Payroll is expected to exceed \$34 million. These numbers do not even capture the indirect jobs. Some third-party estimates show one indirect job will be created every time Midas Gold hires an employee. The project has the potential to have a positive, widespread impact on the state, bringing millions to our region.

The Forest Services' virtual reading room has done an excellent job at describing the project and the separate alternatives. Knowing Midas Gold's preferred alternative and reading information on the others, I believe Alternative 2 would be the best alternative. It allows for the most reclamation and restoration and keeps construction to the current timeline, allowing the project to bring economic opportunities to the area in a timely manner.

We've had over four years of opportunity to learn about the project and we get 60-days to comment. To me, this is plenty of time and I encourage you to permit this project, under alternative 2, as soon as possible.