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Supervisor Jackson,

Please accept my support for the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold and outlined in the draft environmental impact statement.

I am with Western States CAT and I have extensive experience with Midas Gold. Therefore, I know how seriously Midas Gold takes their role as an engaged member of the community. The company and their employees are supporters of community initiatives, volunteering their time in our schools and giving generously to important community causes. I believe that the Stibnite Gold Project would not only benefit those who reside in Valley County, but the entire state. Economic growth of this scale positively impacts all of Idaho. As an organization close to Midas Gold, we see this project as an extraordinary opportunity to invest in Idaho's future.

The Stibnite Gold Project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair. After reviewing the company's plan, it is clear Midas Gold Idaho has done their due diligence in researching alternatives and designating the current proposed plan as the best viable option to operate in the historic Stibnite mining district.

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.

I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and the company's commitment to Idaho. Please permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2.