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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Midas Gold Idaho's proposal. During my time with Western States CAT, I've had the opportunity to hear a handful of presentations on the Stibnite Gold Project, sit down with project staff and observe how the company has lived out its mission as it has grown. After all this and reviewing the draft environmental impact statement, I encourage you to permit the Stibnite Gold Project under alternative 2.

First, it is important to call out Midas Gold's integrity . Midas Gold Idaho has pledged to work closely with local communities to ensure that the input from residents of the communities closest to site actually matters. To establish this system of transparency and accountability demonstrated good faith, as they offer communities a seat at the table to voice any concerns or questions they may have throughout the life of the project. It's an impressive pledge that shows this company different from the rest.

The Stibnite Gold Project will not only help to stimulate Idaho's local economies, but it will be done responsibly and in close coordination with the people who live in the area. I strongly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to adopt alternative 2 from the draft Environmental Impact Statement and allow this project to proceed.