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Comments: As an employee of Western States CAT we work very closely with Midas Gold Idaho. Therefore, I have reviewed the company's proposed Alternative 2 and met with members of Midas Gold Idaho to understand the company's plans for the Stibnite Gold Project and I would like to express my support for the project.

If the Stibnite Gold Project goes into production, Idaho would see a huge economic benefit. Midas Gold plans to invest \$1 billion in the state, contribute \$86 million in state and local taxes and make improvements to roads and power grid near the site. The company has also made a pledge to hire locally whenever possible and plans to provide around 1,000 jobs for Idahoans throughout the life of the project. Midas Gold salaries will be approximately two times higher than the local salary. It is impossible to ignore the positive trickledown effect an investment of this size would have on our community and economy.

For the above reasons, please move forward with alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project as it is