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Comments: This letter is to express my support of Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project. The Stibnite area has been stained by a century of unregulated mining and is in critical need of restoration. The U.S. government has previously tried to help with restoration efforts, but more needs to be done.

I have taken time to look into this project. During my time with Western States CAT, I have learned more about this company and realize their plan is the only viable option to help fix the problems plaguing this region.

As explained in draft environmental impact statement, their vision for the Stibnite Mining District is just as much about restoration and reclamation as it is mining. The private investment will focus on addressing problems plaguing the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River, including blocked fish migration, deforestation, and removing the hundreds of tons of sediment contaminating the waterway. Many of the conclusions in the DEIS indicate that their plans will help the environment for the long term. For example their plans to remove old tailings will reduce metal loading into the groundwater.

The Stibnite Gold Project will also bring immense economic development to the surrounding area and the state as whole. Midas Gold Idaho plans to hire, purchase supplies locally and work with regional businesses whenever possible - just like Idaho Power. Throughout the project, Midas Gold Idaho plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and generate more than \$86 million in state and local taxes. These are real tangible opportunities and dollars that will allow our families and communities to prosper well into the future.

I feel the opportunity we have to work with Midas Gold Idaho in the reclamation of the Stibnite Mining District and development of meaningful economic impacts is truly unique. Therefore I ask that you approve alternative 2.