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Comments: As an employee of Western State CAT, I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans for several years. I am excited to finally have the opportunity to comment on their Draft EIS. Midas Gold Idaho presents a huge opportunity for the Gem State.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and contribute millions of dollars in taxes. This is the type of project our state needs. As Midas Gold Idaho grows, it wants to help Idaho families grow along with it. The company has made a commitment to hire locally whenever possible. And they are going to help prepare Idahoans for these well-paying jobs by providing job training. The average salary of Midas Gold Idaho employees is anticipated to be \$80,000. Many individuals in this region have had to depend on seasonal work, having a steady paycheck could change many lives.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state needs. The USFS has provided valuable information with your virtual reading room and extended the regular 45-day comment period to 60- days. This is plenty of time to review the DEIS and I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using the alternative two presented by Midas Gold, as expeditiously as possible.