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Comments: I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Midas Gold has shown they are committed to Idaho and want to take care of the environment. I hope you move forward and permit this project as quickly as possible.

With the help of the Stibnite Gold Project and the \$1 billion dollar investment Midas Gold Idaho plans to commit to this reclamation-focused project, businesses like Western States CAT and numerous others will thrive because of the increase circulation of activity and people in the area.

An independent analysis conducted by Highland Economics estimates that the Stibnite Gold Project would generate more than \$150 million in state and local tax revenues. This would be a much-needed influx of revenue and personnel that the Stibnite Gold Project will bring. By allowing Midas Gold Idaho to operate in the historic Stibnite mining district, the region's economy will receive a shot in the arm through the revival of a once booming industry that defined this county in the past.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using alternative 2 presented by Midas Gold, as expeditiously as possible.