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Comments: I am writing to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project. Something needs to be done about the problems at the Stibnite-Yellow Pine region, and Idaho workers need jobs. This project would take care of both at the same time. It deserves your approval.

From the beginning, Midas Gold has been a valuable partner to local Central Idaho communities. It has involved residents and businesses in the planning process and has even changed its original plans to reflect the concerns of the communities around the site. Midas Gold has also made every effort to work with local Idaho contractors, vendors, and other businesses whenever they can. And they've already spent nearly \$70 million in Idaho as a result.

Once this project is approved, it would directly create hundreds of much-needed jobs during construction and hundreds more during operations. Ongoing activities at the mine would also indirectly support hundreds more during each of these phases, providing tens of millions of dollars in payroll to hardworking Idahoans. Even the environmental impact statement released by the U.S. Forest Service recognizes what these contributions would mean. In Chapter four, the statement says that mine site construction and operations could help to support the viability of local communities.

Alternative 2 would also be the fastest solution compared to the other alternatives, especially 3 and 4, helping provide jobs and boost local economies sooner. All of Idaho stands to gain if you approve Alternative 2. I hope you will consider doing so soon.