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Comments: As a long-time employee of Coastline Equipment, I'm writing to you today to express my support of Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project. And, while I know you are getting thousands of comments, I hope after reading what I have to say you'll see why this project is right for Idaho.

Midas Gold has carefully researched the Stibnite Gold Project since 2009 and my company has worked with them closely throughout. During this time, I've witnessed the company proactively engage members of our community and seek feedback on project designs. Alternative 2 in the draft EIS incorporates much of that feedback, including the proposed road to site to keep traffic and potential pollutants away from our waterways. The company selected using Burntlog Road after many discussions with local residents. In my mind, actions speak louder than words and Midas Gold has proven they will be a good partner moving forward.

Plus, they're hiring vendors like ours to work on the project. Rather than look to bring in companies from outside the area, they're hiring locally whenever possible and that's important to me. They're going to bring as many as 700 jobs to the area during the construction phase of the project and then keep on as many as 600 people during operations in jobs ranging from engineers and geologists to equipment operators and safety specialists. And these are the kind of jobs Valley County needs. Ones that pay a wage that you can raise kids and support your families. These are not the seasonal jobs that too many of our friends and family have relied on for years.

As the U.S. Forest Service and other state and federal agencies review the proposed plan and determine the course of action, I encourage you to consider and appropriately weigh the positive benefits Midas Gold will have on Idaho. Alternative Two truly is a win-win opportunity for Idahoans and the environment.