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Comments: I am writing to express my 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. Since the problems at Stibnite have gone on for so long without government intervention, it is time for private industry to step in and restore the Stibnite Gold Project site.

First, as a member of Western States CAT family, we know a good corporate culture when we see one. The folks at Midas not only prioritized the long-term health of the region in their plans, but they prioritized the voices of communities surrounding the site that could see the most impact. The company has spent the last six years studying the environment of the site, gathering input from the community and carefully analyzing many options to mine and perform restoration work. Additionally, Midas Gold has a high commitment to safety that we also value. They have worked hard to ensure the safety of the community during construction and operations of the Stibnite Gold Project. To minimize travel near important waterways, Midas Gold has proposed using Burntlog Road in Alternative 2. This allows the company to take advantage of existing Forest Service roads and reduce travel on Johnson Creek and South Fork Road - both of which are heavily used by recreationalists. This plan maximizes safety and ensures all Idahoans have access to our public lands.

Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project is the type of initiative our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, following Alternative 2.