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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the public permitting process. As an employee of Western States CAT and someone who has had the opportunity to work with Midas Gold, I know this project will have a positive impact on the environment, communities surrounding the site and Idahoans.

If the Stibnite Gold Project goes into production, Idaho would see a huge economic benefit. Midas Gold plans to invest \$1 billion in the state, contribute \$86 million in state and local taxes and make improvements to roads and power grid near the site.

The company has also made a pledge to hire locally whenever possible and plans to provide around 1,000 jobs for Idahoans throughout the life of the project. Midas Gold salaries will be approximately two times higher than the local salary. It is impossible to ignore the positive trickle-down effect an investment of this size would have on our community and economy.

I urge you to accept Midas Gold's plan as outlined under Alternative 2 and continue moving this project forward as scheduled under the 60-day comment period. The public has had sustainable time to comment on the project and it provides so many benefits for our state - it needs to move forward.