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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Midas Gold Idaho's Alternative 2. Over the last several years, I've had the opportunity to hear a handful of presentations on the Stibnite Gold Project, sit down with project staff and observe how the company has lived out its mission as it has grown. It is with this knowledge that I encourage you to permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

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 trickledown effect an investment of this size would have on our community and economy.

The comment period for the project was already extended once. The U.S. Forest Service has given the public more than adequate time to comment, plus tools that make reviewing the document easy and a virtual meeting room to make information more digestible. It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to continue to move the project forward and permit the site using alternative 2 as the guide.