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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Comment Period. I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans since they first came into our state, in large part because much of the proposed project will take place on public land. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities it will bring into our state.

The Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho with the best opportunity clean up the abandoned Stibnite Mining District. The area needs to be cleaned up. If no action is taken, important fish populations will continue to be blocked from their native spawning grounds and high levels of arsenic and antimony will continue to leach into the ground and surface water. Midas Gold presents the best opportunity to address these problems and provide our nation with its only domestically mined source of antimony. One of the many benefits of mining in the United States is our superior safety standards compared to other countries. Midas Gold has taken safety seriously and only had one lost time incident in the last 55 months. This will continue during operations. The company will have an entire safety department dedicated to overseeing worker safety and training. The company will also have emergency medical technicians and emergency equipment and supplies on site, including an ambulance, first aid and medical supplies (PRO; pg. 2-3). This planning will help keep workers safe and prevent a strain on community resources.

I encourage the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Midas Gold Idaho's project as outlined in their Modified Plan of Restoration and Operations, alternative 2 in the DEIS. The USFS has provided meaningful time to submit comments and already extended the comment period once, there should be no further delays.