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Comments: This is my second request to add support to the completion of the analysis needed to approve development of the Midas Gold project in the Stibnite Mining District. I am writing again to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in Alternative 2 during this public input process.

Midas Gold has a clear plan to clean up legacy issues in the historic Stibnite Mining District. This will improve fish habitat, water quality and safely store old mine waste. Along with restorations, the Stibnite Gold Project will produce the only domestically mined supply of antimony. Currently, China is the top producer of this mineral. If the Stibnite Gold Project is moves forward, the United States can become less reliant on other countries. Creating a domestic source of antimony will also be beneficial for Americas green future. Sourcing antimony within the U.S. will result in lower carbon emissions as we will not need to transport the mineral from China into the U.S. Mining standards in the U.S. are also more protective of the environment.

Idahoans need to see the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project come to life. The comment period should be kept to 60 days, so the process can continue to move forward. It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select the modified plan of restoration and operations Midas Gold Idaho presented, known as Alternative 2 in the draft Environmental Impact Statement, and permit the project.