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I am writing to express my views on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. The opportunity presented by the Stibnite Gold Project is compelling for many reasons and it is a project I am committed to seeing come to fruition. In order for Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project to move forward, the company must mitigate for any impacts the project will have on the environment. In alternative 2 of the DEIS, the company has outlined how it can leave water quality on the site better than it is today and provide fish with access to more habitat. I was pleased to learn Midas Gold has also taken steps to protect air quality. According to analysis by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the maximum potential emissions from the Stibnite Gold Project will not cause or contribute to an exceedance of any ambient air quality standard. I believe the proposer checks and balances are in place to protect the environment and allow the project to move forward.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit alternative 2 so this brownfield site can finally be restored. The comment period has been extended once already. Sixty days gives Idahoans enough time to submit their comments and I hope there will be no additional delays.