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Comments: Dear Payette National Forest Service Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Public participation is a significant part of the permitting process, and I appreciate the opportunity to participate. I have a special interest in the Stibnite Project as I was the Mine Manager for Superior Mining's West End Mining Project during 1983 through 1985.

If Midas Gold is allowed to move forward with their Stibnite Project, they will reclaim an area impacted by historical mining, create numerous well-paying jobs, and provide a major boost to the economies of Valley County and the State of Idaho. This project is a good thing for Idaho, it helps to decrease America's dependence on foreign countries for critical minerals, and repairs and protects the local environment.

Midas Gold has worked hard to ensure the safety of the community during construction and operations of the Stibnite Mine. To minimize travel near important waterways, Midas Gold has proposed using the Burntlog Road. This allows the Company to take advantage of existing Forest Service roads and reduces travel on the Johnson Creek and South Fork Roads - both of which are heavily used by recreationists. This plan maximizes safety and ensures Idahoans have access to their public lands.

I encourage the Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit the Project as outlined in Midas Gold's Modified Plan of Restoration and Operations, Alternative 2 in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Forest Service has provided ample time for comments, and there should not be further delays.