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Comments: Greetings,

I am proud to submit my comments in support of Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state with an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and use private investment to clean up a brownfield site.

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 urge you to approve the project as outlined by Midas Gold in Alternative 2, it is the best of the alternatives outlined by the USFS. The Stibnite Gold Project will provide a huge benefit to our community and the local environment. The USFS has taken meaningful measures to ensure the public has had enough time and resources during the public comment period.