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Comments: Payette National Forest Supervisor,

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 for the future.

I support Alternative 2 of the DEIS. Under this plan, Midas Gold will help mitigate the damages left by previous mining projects, bring hundreds of well-paying jobs to Valley County and provide the only domestically mined source of antimony in the country. This project would allow our nation to rely less on foreign countries for critical minerals and reduce our carbon footprint by sourcing minerals at home. Environmental regulations are stricter in the United States and when minerals are sourced in this country we do not have to expend as much energy and resources transporting them to their final destination. Alternative 2 is economically and technically feasible.

Alternatives 3 and 4 have not been adequately analyzed for technical feasibility and would be more costly. It is clear Alternative 2 is the best choice moving forward.

Sixty days provides Idahoans with plenty of time to review the DEIS and comment on the project. After reviewing the document myself, I encourage the USFS to select Alternative 2 and move the project forward.

My best,

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