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Comments: To Concerned Payette National Forest Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Midas Gold Idaho's Alternative 2. Over the last several years, I've had the opportunity to hear a handful of presentations on the Stibnite Gold Project, sit down with project staff and observe how the company has lived out its mission as it has grown. It is with this knowledge that I encourage you to permit the Stibnite Gold Project

I have worked in the North Dakota oil fields and one of our main priorities was to be considerate of the local population and leave the site better than when we arrived. Midas Gold has the same philosophy as that. Midas Gold will also be a major contributor to the economy of Valley County providing decent paying jobs and a financial boost which is sorely needed.

Midas Gold Idaho has prioritized public access to Idahos backcountry. While the company feels Stibnite Road is too dangerous to safely transport employees and equipment to the site, they recognized how important this route was for residents who live in the area. The ModPRO they submitted to the U.S. Forest Service allows Idahoans to continue to access Thunder Mountain by driving through the site when it is safe and feasible. Review alternative 2 and you can see Midas Gold wants Idahoans to continue to have easy access to our public lands. Thank you for considering my thoughts on the project. I am grateful for the virtual meeting room you created. It made learning about the project easy and gave me the tools I needed to submit meaningful comments within the 60-day timeframe. If I can do it, anyone can. I urge you to move forward with alternative two.

Respectfully,

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