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Comments: Dear Linda,

I am writing this letter to voice my support for Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. I strongly believe that this project would benefit both locals and Idahoans as a whole and should be promptly approved. As an Idahoan I enjoy the outdoors and actively hike, fish, camp, boat and paddle board. I appreciate all that Midas Gold is planning to do as it will not only provide an economic boon but also clean up the environment.

I believe that Midas Gold Idaho's proposal offers a unique chance to ensure the longevity and prosperity of our communities. The creation of 500 new jobs would reduce the flight of young people to cities and other states. Partnerships with local businesses would revitalize our aging towns and provide capital for investments and growth. Additional tax revenue would help fund our schools and allow our towns to better serve their residents. The list of direct and indirect benefits of the plan is extensive. The debate around the return of mining to Stibnite has been incorrectly framed as contest between environmental and industrial interests. Midas Gold's plan demonstrates that we aren't forced to choose between protecting our wildlife and providing for our future, and the balance and care with which they have approached the Stibnite Gold Project is a testament to their commitment to creating a win-win situation for native Idahoans.

The Stibnite Gold Project offers the promise of economic security at no cost to our way of life. I am confident that Midas Gold can help create a stronger Stibnite and a stronger Idaho, and I would strongly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to adopt alternative two presented by Midas Gold in the modified plan of restoration and operations (ModPRO).