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Comments: The proposed Stibnite Gold Project would be a major win for Idaho workers, communities, and our entire economy. The U.S. Forest Service should not delay approval of this much-needed project. Please adopt Alternative 2 of Midas Gold's proposal.

According to company projections the project will directly employ hundreds of Idaho workers throughout its construction phase and hundreds more once it is fully operational. Indirectly, hundreds of more jobs would be supported in both phases as well as the activity around the site will spur economic growth in a range of sectors, from transportation to manufacturing to education to hospitality.

Midas will be paying hundreds of millions of dollars in state and local taxes which will go back into Idaho communities. This is pointed out in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement in chapter four that the long-term productivity of the Stibnite area would be an economic benefit to Idaho. As a small business owner with rentals in the Treasure Valley, I know the importance of a strong economy. Alternative 2 will guarantee Idaho sees these economic benefits sooner than the other alternatives explored by the impact statement.

The Stibnite Gold Project will be a great project for our state and will create jobs and boost our economy. Please move forward with the project as outlined in Alternative 2. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Martin Bilbao

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