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Comments: I have six comments I want to enter into the record concerning the Midas Gold Stibnite project.

1. The environmental state of the East Forb of the South Forb of the Salmon River and much of the land surrounding it is unacceptable and must be addressed.
2. It would be unfair to make taxpayers pay to clean up damage caused by decades of careless work done by private sector mining companies.
3. Midas Gold has proposed a plan that would achieve the necessary environmental improvements at no cost to the state or federal government.
4. Midas Gold, unlike previous mining operators in Stibnite, would be closely regulated by government-mandated environmental policies and required to guarantee in advance adequate funding for cleanup procedures.
5. The USFS Environmental Impact Statement documents the benefits of the Midas Gold project, including the removal of toxic waste, reducing the levels of arsenic and other harmful substances in stream and ground water, and wetlands restoration.
6. Plan Alternative 2 has significant advantages over the other plans. For these reasons I urge the Forest Service to approve Midas Gold plan 2.