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Comments: Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

I am proud to submit my comments in support of Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state with an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and use private investment to clean up a brownfield site.

I'm very excited that we might as well find traffic infrastructure improvements in Valley County especially around the Boydston Dinehart loop in McCall with upgrades widening of the intersections traffic lights etc. plus the upgrade Warm Lake Highway @ 55.

Having a domestic supplier such a strategic mineral as antimony is very important.

The Stibnite Gold Project will bring huge economic benefits to Idaho, particularly in Valley County. Midas Gold will directly employ 400-500 employees during construction and operations. Payroll is expected to exceed \$34 million. These numbers do not even capture the indirect jobs. Some third-party estimates show one indirect job will be created every time Midas Gold hires an employee. The project has the potential to have a positive, widespread impact on the state.

While the economic benefits of this project cannot be ignored, it also will transform an area in need for environmental repair. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward as outlined in alternative 2 within this 60-day comment period.

Regards,

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