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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's comment period. I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans since they first came into our state, in large part because much of the proposed project will take place on public land. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities for the future.

Midas Gold Idaho believes in a local workforce and has promised to hire Idahoans whenever possible. The company will provide employees with training and help our state build a more skilled workforce. These jobs are not entry level positions and the skills are valuable in other industries outside of mining. Midas Gold estimates salaries will be two times higher than the local average in Valley County. This can make a big difference in the life of many families.

I would like to thank the U.S. Forest Service for providing the opportunity, and sufficient time, to comment on this important project's permitting process. I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2.

This project would be good for the community, area businesses and Idaho tax base please help this move forward.