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Comments: I am a 4th generation Idahoan who is proud of my heritage and my state. I love the outdoors and spent my youth in the hills and mountains of Valley County, Idaho Where I learned what it means to be responsible and ethical. That's why today I'm writing to submit my comments in support of Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. While some may have concerns, I know the people behind this project both personally and professionally. They love Idaho as I do. They care about our water, air, land and our wildlife as much as they do our economy and our way of life.

They also care about responsibly utilizing Idaho's natural resources, creating jobs and building a future for our kids and grandkids. What is even more impressive is the fact that this gives us an opportunity to clean up the Brownfield site issues and ensures the new higher standards implemented by the mining industry in Idaho will leave this part of Idaho better than it was found.

Midas Gold Idaho's project is good for Idaho. It is good for the economy, for our citizens and as they have promised, it will also be good for our environment. Once in production, the company has committed to invest \$1 billion in Idaho. That's an astounding number and it will lead to good paying jobs for our rural state.

The truth is, mining and conservation are not mutually exclusive. Those who work to produce our mineral resources also enjoy the healthy environment and wildlife Idaho has to offer. Furthermore, they stay in our resorts, they buy our food, fuel and gear from our stores and they vote here.

As you, the U.S. Forest Service, and other agencies at the state and federal level consider and review the proposed plan, please determine the course of action that serves all Idahoans. Support this project and allow it to move forward.

On behalf of myself, my family and my business, I encourage you to consider all of the positive benefits, both fiscally and environmentally that Midas Gold's project will have on Idaho. Idahoans are ready to move forward with this project and you should be too. I stand with thousands of Idahoans who support mining and who also love to fish, hunt, trap and recreate in Idaho. Please support this project and support Alternative two.