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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 Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Midas Gold Idaho is proposing a great project for Idaho's economy, citizens and environment. When the project goes into production, the company plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and provide approximately 1,000 jobs over the course of the mine's life. Midas Gold has made a commitment to look to Idaho first for talent and supplies, which will have a major trickledown effect and positively affect many facets of the state's economy. As a local vendor, this will have a positive economic impact for many of us.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit Alternative 2 so this brownfield site can finally be restored.