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Comments: It is with great pleasure that I write to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in Alternative 2 during this public input process.

The Stibnite Gold Project is good for the Idaho workforce. Midas Gold's strong commitment to hiring locally and using local vendors and suppliers helps build our economic base. The salaries of the positions at the Stibnite Gold Project will be approximately two times higher than typical jobs in Valley County. The financial security and on-the-job training opportunities these positions bring has the potential to bring meaningful change to families throughout the region.

Additionally, we know mining brings more than jobs and robust wages to our state, it promotes the development of secondary businesses and the production of more goods and materials right here in Idaho.

The comment period for the project was already extended once. The U.S. Forest Service has given the public more than adequate time to comment, plus tools that make reviewing the document easy and a virtual meeting room to make information more digestible. It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to continue to move the project forward and permit the site using alternative 2 as the guide.