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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 it will bring into our state.

Midas Gold prioritizes working alongside Idahoans. The company has shown a clear interest in understanding and remedying concerns around the project. They have taken the time to work with the community to develop solutions that work for everyone. For example, the company worked closely with residents of Yellow Pine, recreationalists and snowmobilers to figure out how to preserve access to certain roads in the backcountry. The changes the company made are included in alternative 2. The company didn't need to do this but they did because they knew it was the right thing to do. Through their collaboration with stakeholders at all levels, they have come up with a plan that will not only help Idaho's economy but help restore a legacy site. Their plan has considerable community support.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using alternative two presented by Midas Gold, as expeditiously as possible. There is no need to extend the comment period. Sixty days is plenty of time to comment and we need the benefits of this project now.