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Comments: For the past decade, I have been working to improve the economy of North Idaho through educational programs and encouraging new business development projects to come to the region.

After reviewing your agency's draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project, it is clear this proposal fits nicely with our vision for a prosperous Idaho. This project will provide a \$1 billion private investment in our state that will create economic growth, and vital educational opportunities for our residents, a crucial step forward for our states future prosperity.

Midas Gold is committed to hiring locally and purchasing supplies from local vendors. The positions needed for this project are high paying jobs, up to 80 percent higher in wages than leisure and hospitality jobs available today in Valley and Adams Counties. These employment opportunities are substantial and understanding their technical nature, Midas plans to provide job training programs throughout the life of the project. Additionally, Midas Gold Idaho will work directly with local schools and community colleges to tech our students about mining and engineering sectors, preparing them for the jobs of the future. Not only will the project employ up to 1,000 employees, many of whom will be from Idaho, it will give Idahoans the education and training necessary to continue to find high paying positions long after the project is complete.

Midas Gold also clearly designed the Stibnite Gold Project with the environment in mind, with detailed plans to repair past mining legacies while extracting critical elements such as antimony in the process. The project will remove hundreds of pounds of metal and other contaminants currently impacting our waterways, and will repair and enhance more than a dozen miles of streams.

Please consider my supportive comments and consider the diverse environmental, educational, and economic opportunities this project will bring to Idaho. I urge you to accept Alternative 2 outlined in the company's project proposal, and to help move the approval process along in an efficient manner.