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Comments: As the state representative for the 2nd Legislative district and a member of the House Business Committee and House Local Government Committee, I would like to voice my support for the Stibnite Gold Project and urge you to approve this tremendous opportunity in a timely manner. Midas Gold's project under consideration by the U.S. Forest Service would have a substantially positive effect on the state economy and would expand opportunities for the local community in many areas.

There is no question but that the project will be an economic boon for the Stibnite area and of course, the entire state. With an investment of \$1 billion dollars and employing hundreds of people, including Idahoans and businesses from the surrounding communities, it's clear to me that we can't afford to abandon this opportunity.

I urge you to approve 'Alternative 2' and move this project forward in the permitting process. Doing so will create immense opportunity for the region and the state of Idaho as a whole.