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Comments: As a fourth generation Idahoan and Representative of Idaho's 34th district, I have had the privilege to watch the progression of the Midas Gold Idaho project. After review, it is clear that Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project will help our state generate new jobs and will provide a significant investment in our economy through increased tax revenues. I write to you in support of the proposed project and look forward to the final stages of its review.

Midas Gold Idaho is committed to hiring employees from largely within Idaho and will offer substantially higher wages that compete with the current rates offered by the regions local industries. Midas has pledged that of the workers they plan to hire during operations 500 of those will be Idaho residents, and nearly half of those workers will be residents of Valley County or Adams County where the site resides.

Increased salaries and a higher employment rate across Idaho will benefit all of us, especially the communities near the project site. Furthermore, this project will have a significant impact on our state's overall economy. If the U.S. Forest Service permits this project to move forward, Midas will be making a \$1 billion dollar investment in Idaho. This boost to the state's economy is crucial to the future development of Idaho and makes clear why it is so important to allow the Stibnite Gold Project to proceed.

I appreciate the U.S. Forest Service's efforts in conducting a thorough examination of the Stibnite Gold Project. Given the reasons discussed, I strongly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to adopt the Alternative 2 outlined in Midas Gold's proposal so we can swiftly move this project along.