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Comments: I am writing to express my support for the Stibnite Mining Project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho. After reviewing the draft Environmental Impact Statement, I am confident that the project will bring increased prosperity to Idaho. I am pleased with the time and consideration that the U.S. Forest Service has lent this project and it is my hope that you will take my comments into consideration.

As a past member of the Moscow School Board, Idaho State Charter School Commission, and Idaho State Board of Education, I was thoroughly impressed with Midas' commitment to our education system. Working with schools throughout Valley and Adams Counties, Midas has established afterschool programs to teach children valuable skills for our future workforce, like coding. The after-school programs focus on making things like computer programming education accessible to children is a tremendous opportunity and shows that this company is invested in our state's future.

Midas' commitment to our education system extends beyond these programs, as the revenue that their project brings to Idaho will be reinvested into our education system. According to independent research, the Stibnite Gold Project, through employment of Idahoans, and utilization of Idaho businesses, would amount to a \$1 billion investment in Idaho. That investment would generate more than \$150 million in tax revenues, money which could fund our schools and prepare our children to be some of the nation's best and brightest.

As a lawmaker and an Idahoan, I urge the U.S. Forest Service to adopt the Alternative 2 laid out in the draft EIS. This project is a unique opportunity that, for the sake of future generations, we cannot afford to pass up.