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Comments: As a native Idahoan and the representative of its 15th district, I am passionate about serving my community and seeking out opportunities that will ensure a brighter future for Idaho. Upon review of the U.S. Forest Service Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project, I am eager to offer my support to the project.

Midas plans to rehabilitate the habitat around Stibnite through a robust reclamation effort. As explained in their Plan of Restoration and Operations, Midas has pledged to help reestablish the fish passag~s of the Salmon River, clean up the landscape, and improve the water quality by extracting toxic metats anp $ediment from waste rock that sit in our waterways. These efforts will contim1e'with their use of sustainable and modern mining practices, guaranteeing that the land is taken care of after years of mistreated environmental legacies.

I commend the U.S. Forest Service for their thorough examination of the EIS to date. Stibnite Gold will bring good jobs back to Idaho and repair the environmental neglect that has become commonplace in the area. After careful consideration, I would like to encourage the U.S. Forest Service to approve Altern9tive 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho.