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Comments: Spending time outdoors is what my family does. From Memorial Day to Labor Day we spend nearly every weekend camping and raising my two-year-old to love the outdoors. As a real estate agent in the Treasure Valley, it is to get out of the city and spend time in the mountains. This is why I am getting married soon in McCall and at some point, would love to move my family to the Cascade area.

I have monitored the progress of Midas Gold and the Stibnite Gold Project and can say that I have been impressed. Aside from their community involvement and being transparent to those affected most the project brings a unique balance of protecting the environment while also being an economic boon.

Midas has shown it is committed to cleaning up and repairing the preexisting environmental damage at the proposed site location. This restoration plan, while fantastic for our local environment, will also set a strong precedent for future companies looking to profit from Idaho's natural resources, empowering our communities and our citizenry to demand investment plans of the same quality in the future.

Over the life of the project, it is estimated that more than $200 million will be generated in state and local taxes. Midas Gold alone would pay nearly $100 million in corporate income taxes. This is a great opportunity to allocate more funds into education and first responders without adding any additional tax burden to the residents of our state.

I thank the U.S. Forest Service for its thorough review in the draft EIS it recently released. However, after careful consideration, I wish to encourage the U.S. Forest Service to adopt alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho in their Plan of Restoration and Operations.