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Comments: I am encouraged by the work the U.S. Forest Service has done to properly evaluate and develop the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. I am a strong proponent of building strong business opportunities here and believe that this private investment in our community will be extremely beneficial in creating jobs, increasing local business revenue, and providing a stronger education system for Idahoans.

Midas Gold is making an investment of \$1 billion in the state of Idaho over the duration of the Stibnite Gold Project. This is a free market way to create more revenue for our state and also restore our precious legacies, such as the historic Stibnite Mining District.

This project is estimated to bring 500-600 new jobs to our state during operations. These are management, administrative, labor, and engineering positions - high value jobs not otherwise available in the region. Midas Gold Idaho has also committed to hiring and contracting locally, which means providing the necessary training opportunities for Idahoans throughout the life of the project. Our state needs this private investment so that our residents and future generations can garner high paying jobs right here in our community.

I have grown up and raised my family here in Idaho, and am passionate about leaving a better state for future generations. For this reason, I am in support of the adoption of Alternative 2 set forth in the draft EIS and Midas Gold's proposal. Again, I am grateful for your work to date and hope you see the value and opportunity of Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project.