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Comments: As a resident of central Idaho, I write today to voice my strong support for Midas Gold and the Stibnite Gold Project. Midas recently submitted a Plan for Restoration and Operations (PRO) to the United States Forest Service. Approval of this PRO will allow Midas Gold to begin the Stibnite Gold project, which will bring hundreds of high paying jobs to the region, and will benefit the overall economic health and welfare of the state of Idaho. In addition, Midas Gold will also restore the environmental health of the Stibnite Region, which has suffered from environmental degradation and damage for far too long.

Once the US Forest Service approves this RPO, Midas Gold will start the Stibnite Gold Project. This project will create 500 family wage jobs for residents of Stibnite-Yellow Pine, including mechanics, miners, safety specialists, and laborers . The project will also increase commerce and regional sales throughout the life of the operation. State and municipal authorities will receive higher tax revenues, which will grant more resources for social services, public education, public safety, and infrastructure.

Midas Gold has also detailed a comprehensive environmental rejuvenation plan of action, which will improve the environmental health of the Stibnite Yellow Pine region. Environmental cleanup is costly, but Midas Gold will use private investment to pay for all costs. Midas Gold has planted over 55,000 trees, and has reclaimed 33 acres of forests that were destroyed from past mining operations. Midas Gold realized that the region surrounding the project is a popular area for snowmobilers so they actively collaborated with local snowmobiling organizations to mitigate impact from their activities. The company has worked to keep access to Idaho's backcountry open and kept safety a top priority in the design and operation of the proposed Stibnite Gold Project .

In addition, Midas Gold will restore over 6 miles of streams and waterways to improve migration routes for wild salmon and trout. Previous mining projects have diverted and degraded these rivers and streams for decades; however, Midas Gold has engineered an innovative plan to construct fish tunnels around mining operations. These tunnels will allow fish to move to spawning grounds, replenishing their populations, which have been needlessly depleted.

I urge you to support Alternative 2 outlined by Midas Gold Idaho, as it will bring jobs and restore the environmental health of Stibnite