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Comments: I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits it will bring to Idaho. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work, bring a $1 billion investment into our state and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair.

Midas Gold Idaho is not your typical mining company. The company realizes the Stibnite Gold Project site has been damaged after nearly a century of mining and that something must be done if we ever want to reclaim this brownfield site. Midas Gold Idaho wants to restore the site and take care of the environment through mining.

I believe alternative 2 as outlined by the U.S. Forest Service is the best chance to help the repair the historic Stibnite Mining District. This alternative will result in better water quality in the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River due to lower concentrations of antimony, mercury and arsenic (DEIS 4.9- 70). An additional 26.5 km of habitat for anadromous salmonids becomes available before mining begins with the construction of the fish passageway around the Yellow Pine pit (DEIS 4.12-13). Alternative 2 would also provide a net gain of 11.1 km of intrinsic potential habitat for steelhead trout and 1 2.4 km for bull trout (DEIS 4.12-22). These are benefits that should be fully recognized.

I encourage the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Midas Gold Idaho's project as outlined in their Modified Plan of Restoration and Operations, alternative 2 in the DEIS.