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Comments: I am writing to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho. As a member of Western States CAT, we supply service and equipment to the mining industry and have years of experience doing so. The Stibnite Gold Project will provide economic return for not only their company, but also more broadly the state. This project will not only create countless direct jobs, but also launch economic benefit to indirect companies.

With a cost of roughly \$1 .1 Billion to build and about \$230 million each year to operate, the Stibnite Gold Project will inject hundreds of millions of dollars into Idaho's economy, bring hundreds of jobs into the state and contribute significant local and state tax revenue. Local impacts on the economy from Midas Gold's direct job creation are estimated at \$18.1 million per year during construction, \$18.5 million per year during operations and \$3.6 million per year during reclamation. Annually, the direct, indirect and induced impacts from local job creation are estimated at \$28.8 million per year in annual local income during construction, \$29.3 million per year during operations and \$5 million per year during final reclamation.

CAT also likes to be involved in community, so when we work in a particular region, ensuring that the company is a good corporate citizen is important to us. I am glad to see Midas Gold focusing on ensuring benefits to support schools, local events, and organizations.

I urge the U.S. Forest Service to adopt Alternative 2 outlines by Midas Gold's proposal to mine and restore Stibnite.