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Comments: The Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho is a promising project for our community and Idaho at large. This project represents a \$1 billion state investment and will help to jump-start local economies. As an employee of a local vender who has worked with Midas Gold, Rocky Mountain Signs, I enthusiastically support this project. I believe it will drive business activity to the region while also offering high-paying careers and advanced skills training for many of our friends and neighbors.

The Stibnite Gold Project will bring new jobs into the region, support income growth, and enrich the businesses in the surrounding communities. This high profile project is also likely to drive interest from other companies to invest in the state, as they too will see the booming industrious, business-friendly environment offered in Idaho.

Midas Gold has committed to hiring, contracting, and purchasing supplies and services locally whenever possible during this project. Working at Rocky Mountain Signs, I have seen firsthand the positive economic impact Midas can bring. We have significantly increased our production of signs and banners for their efforts in the region.

In their Plan of Restoration and Operations (PRO) Midas has also promised to clean up legacy mining problems hurting the environment around the Stibnite mining district and to restore the disrupted habitat of the Salmon River. This environmental restoration could be a future driver of tourism as avid fishers and outdoorsman come to enjoy Idaho's abundant natural resources. Tourism is a large part of what makes our hotel successful and a better environment will only help boost that industry. Additionally, Idaho is a trendsetter in environmental preservation efforts, being the first state with a designated dark sky preserve. This project will only add to the goals of continued environmental protection and efforts to boost commerce in this region.

Thank you for your time, consideration and for giving Idahoans meaningful time to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project. I urge you to adopt Alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho.