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Comments: Arnold Aviation supports Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the past several years Midas Gold has shown its commitment to Valley County and the State of Idaho, and we encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in its Alternative 2.

Alternative 2 is the result of many years of study by Midas Gold. The company developed this alternative after submitting their original plans and working with stakeholders, community members, and environmental groups to try to determine how it could be improved. The result was a smaller project footprint, reconnecting salmon to their native spawning grounds before mining ever begins, and improved water quality. Two of the alternatives, 3 and 4, would delay the project by several years and withhold its benefits from Idahoans unnecessarily. Those same alternatives could also become so expensive it could make the project cost-prohibitive. With everything happening in the world, we feel strongly that we need to move the project forward now. It would bring 500 well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, invest a billion in Idaho, and help improve community infrastructure.

We urge you to approve the project as outlined by Midas Gold in Alternative 2. It is the best of the alternatives outlined by the USFS. The Stibnite Gold Project will provide a huge benefit to our community and the local environment. The USFS has taken meaningful measures to ensure the public has had enough time and resources during the public comment period.