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Usfs,

I am proud to submit my comments in support of Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state with an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and use private investment to clean up a brownfield site. As an employee of Western States CAT and a member of the mining industry, I am honored to write in support of this project.

The Stibnite Gold Project, as presented in Alternative 2, could leave the historical Stibnite Mining District in better condition than it is today. It would 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) and open an additional 26.5 km of habitat for anadromous salmonoids before mining begins (DEIS 4.12-13). When you compare Alternative 2 with the other options, the choice of how to proceed is obvious. Alternative 3 and 4 would delay the start of the project by two years. Alternative 3 has a larger project footprint size and Alternative 4 would put traffic to the site directly next to the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. Alternative 5 would leave the site exactly as it is today – in desperate need of repair. The site needs attention and Alternative 2 would make sure it finally gets it.

The forest service has provided us with great information and the public has had optimal time to review the DEIS. I urge you to accept Midas Gold's plan as outlined under alternative 2 and continue moving this project forward.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Kimmel', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Chris Kimmel

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor