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Hello,

I have reviewed the Alternative 2 and met with members of Midas Gold Idaho to better understand the company's plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. They presented the draft EIS to Western States CAT and below are my comments on their plans for the old brownfield mine site.

Midas Gold Idaho is committed to hiring and contracting services locally in the Idaho area, which means they will look to Valley County, and greater Idaho, to source the goods and services needed to supplement their operations. This will be a boon for the regional economy. On top of that, Midas Gold Idaho will also support training opportunities by working directly with schools, community colleges and the Idaho Department of Labor that will ultimately strengthen Idaho's workforce for the better.

During construction, Midas Gold Idaho estimates they will need to hire between 500-1,000 employees, and up to 200 employees during closure and reclamation. This job generating investment will also mean more than \$150 million in state and local tax revenues for the duration of the project. In addition, this will translate to approximately \$300,000 in additional funds annually for schools, law enforcement, and other government-funded entities.

These are economic incentives that – pairs with the solutions they extensively outline in their proposal submitted for the draft EIS – cannot be ignored.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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