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Comments: I appreciate the opportunity to write the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to adopt the proposal by Midas Gold in the Plan of Restoration and Operations as the preferred alternative during the EIS process. I have the pleasure of representing Legislative District 32 which covers six Southeast Idaho counties where mining is an extremely important part of our community.

As a farmer and rancher, I understand the importance of Idaho's land and natural resources. This project will transform an area in dire need for environmental repair. As a lawmaker, I am constantly trying to figure out ways to help bring opportunities into rural Idaho, similar to my district. One of our biggest struggles for these smaller communities is jobs. If the Stibnite Gold Project goes into production, the company would directly provide around 1,000 jobs. Midas Gold is already providing well-paying jobs to close to 30 Idahoans.

Please move forward with the Stibnite Gold Project. Thank you for your time and consideration.