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Comments: This letter is in support of Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. I believe this presents Idaho, particularly rural Idaho, with a huge economic and environmental opportunity under very reputable and highly qualified management.

This project, especially Alternative 2, is in line with Idaho values and our way of life as Americans. Idahoans have long understood that using the land and protecting the land can go hand-in-hand. Alternative 2 blends improving public lands with building a robust business and it is an approach I encourage. From repairing a legacy mine site to developing roads and power infrastructure, the \$1 billion investment the company would make in Idaho will benefit the entire state. For example, ground and surface water quality are currently a concern around the site. In some places on the site, arsenic and antimony levels in the water are currently 700 times higher than drinking water standards. Midas Gold can correct these problems by following Alternative 2. According to DEIS chapter 4, section 4.9, removing legacy tailings and managing water quality provides long-term reduction in metal loading in ground and surface water. These are benefits we cannot pass up.

Relative to these commitments, I believe both recognition and consideration be given to the leadership of Midas Gold and its history of commitment to best management practices, operationally and environmentally.

Between 1992 and 2004 I worked for Mr. Quin at another company, Miramar Mining Corporation, and was responsible for the management and closure of the Golden Eagle Mine in Storey County, Nevada. As a direct result of this leadership, Miramar Mining Corporation was awarded the 2001 Best Mine Closure Award from the State of Nevada Department of Environmental Protection. Two years later, in 2003 Miramar was again awarded the 2003 Best Mine Closure Award from the State of Nevada Department of Environmental Protection for its voluntary reclamation of the Paymaster Mine in Nye County, Nevada. Miramar had been involved in some exploration activities adjacent to the historic mine site in which there was extensive surface disturbance. Per Mr. Quin's direction, Miramar Mining, at its own volition, and without legal obligation to do so, restored the entire area.

It is with this knowledge and personal experience of the ethos that drives the leadership at Midas Gold that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select the modified plan of restoration and operations Midas Gold Idaho presented and approve the project to proceed with redevelopment that will fund addressing the matters like water quality at this brownfields site.