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Comments: Please consider my comment in support of Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold project.

First, Valley County residents need good family-wage jobs. Many of our families and businesses rely on seasonal tourism for income. After the coronavirus, it is not clear that those jobs will continue to exist. The Stibnite Gold Project would go a long way towards improving the financial security of our communities. We want to make sure that Alternative 2 moves forward in order to assure that we have access to Thunder Mtn through the Stibnite Gold project site from Yellow Pine.

Midas Gold's project would completely alter the economic situation of Valley County. The company expects to contribute over \$200 million in state and local taxes and create \$150 million in regional sales transactions over the life of the project. That money would fund better education, enhanced infrastructure, and healthier small businesses.

Although Midas Gold's proposal is for a long-term project, its approval would have much-needed immediate positive effects. The company intends to invest over \$1 billion and hire more than 600 employees just to construct their worksite. They will prioritize local hiring from the start of the project, ensuring that nearby communities benefit the most.

After reviewing the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), I urge you to support Alternative 2. This alternative is a perfect combination of responsible operation, improving the environment, and building a robust business that will contribute to the economy. For example, under Alternative 2 the company will decrease traffic during operations by 26 percent. This is accomplished generating lime necessary for their operations on site (table 2.3-2, 2.4-3, 2.3-8).

The Stibnite Gold project has the potential to change the lives of thousands of Valley County residents. It would be irresponsible to block their plans without a better alternative to create lasting jobs and economic growth.

Again, I strongly encourage you to adopt alternative 2 of the draft EIS. Thank you for considering my thoughts.