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Comments: I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the past several years Midas Gold has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined in alternative two of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Stibnite Gold Project will generate significant federal, state and local taxes over the life of the project. Estimates show the company will contribute $86 million in state taxes over two decades. The economic benefits along with the environmental restoration of the site provide a win-win for the citizens who live in Idaho and the United States. Midas Gold Idaho is proposing a great project for our economy, our citizens and our environment. The Stibnite Gold Project would help to properly restore a brownfield site in Idaho's backcountry and provide a significant positive economic impact. In fact, if the project goes into production the company plans to invest $1 billion in Idaho and provide hundreds of jobs over the course of the rnine's life. The company has promised to look to Idaho first for talent and supplies so this will have a huge trickledown effect. The salaries of the positions at Midas Gold Idaho will be two times higher than typical jobs in Valley County. The financial security these positions could bring to families could be life changing. I also appreciate that Midas Gold Idaho plans to have employees be on a two weeks on, two weeks off schedule. This allows Idahoans who live outside of Valley County, or who would not want to relocate to the area, the same opportunity to apply for these positions.

While the economic benefits of this project cannot be ignored, it also will transform an area in need for environmental repair. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward under alteranative 2 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.