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Comments: I am writing to express my support for Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project that has incredible potential for the state of Idaho. The economic and environmental benefits could be very valuable to the people and the land. Idaho's economy needs new investments like this project and our land, which has been irresponsibly damaged by previous mining projects, is in need of repair. The Stibnite Gold Project's plan represents positive improvement in both of these areas. A unique opportunity. The environmental activists have no such plan or funding mechanism. This project would be a \$1.1 billion dollar investment in the state if it is approved. Midas Gold has not just thrown out empty numbers, they hired an independent firm, Highland Economics, to analyze the entire project and provide concrete statistics. During the 20 years of the project more than \$150 million in state and local tax revenue would be generated. That is a significant economy windfall that will benefitour local communities and families in multiple ways. The Midas Gold Project will also help the local environment. The Stibnite mining district has been home to almost a century of mining that was for the most part unrestricted. Due to this, there is sediment in our waterways, abandoned pits, and a host of other environmental problems. Midas Gold Idaho designed this project with restoration in mind and they will use responsible techniques to restore the land through the life of the Stibnite Gold Project. Fixing the environment will be expensive, but Midas is up for the task. Since this will be funded through private investment, the cost of this endeavor will not fall on local and state taxpayers - a great example of private business taking ownership of environmental reclamation. Again, if the just say NO crowd does not have a viable restoration plan or funding mechanism, how is that beneficial to the environment. Thank you for considering my thoughts on this issue and I strongly suggest that the U.S. Forest Service accept alternative two laid out in Midas Gold Idaho's modified Plan of Restoration and Operations. It isn't too often that a project can help multiple local aspects at once and we need to take advantage of this chance. It will be a win for the people of Idaho and for the environment.