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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 1998 and 2009, I was a mutual fund manager for ING Investment Management (now Voya). My responsibilities were focused on the global mining sector. During this period, I was exposed to a broad array of mining executives from various regions across the globe. These executives were involved in all aspects of mining to include precious and base metals. It was in this role I was first introduced to Mr. Stephen Quin. Over the years, Mr. Quin was always welcome in my office to update me and my colleagues on the business he was pursuing. Mr. Quin was always professional and instilled a sense of confidence in what he was undertaking. Moreover, other company executives always spoke about Mr. Quin in highest regard. Based on my personal experience with Mr. Quin, and his industry reputation, I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select the modified plan of restoration and operations Midas Gold Idaho has presented and approve the project to proceed with redevelopment that will fund addressing the matters like water quality at this brownfields site.