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Comments: Thank you for allowing the public this opportunity to submit comments on the Stibnite Gold Project, a modern mining proposal which will allow Idaho to compete in the 21 st century world economy. Midas Gold Idaho, the owners of the project, wish to build a state of the art gold and antimony mine in the historic Stibnite Mining District. I am a passionate advocate for this endeavor and its many benefits, and hope the US Forest Service will approve it.

The Stibnite Gold Project will be a \$1.1 billion investment in Idaho. This money can be used for countless services and government programs which Idahoans depend on, particularly in rural Valley County. Workers in Valley County will also benefit, as mining sector jobs pay over four times the average wages of leisure and hospitality industries, a leading industry in the area. This would equate to over \$80,000 per year. Imagine the prosperity that families could experience through these quality jobs given to local workers.

In addition to the financial investment and job creation, the Stibnite Gold Project is unique in that they aim to empower the local communities by giving them a seat at the table. Through the Community Agreement program, local citizens are able to provide input and communicate accountability regarding how the project is affecting their life as well as their environment. Midas Gold Idaho is truly committed to responding to feedback and making sure that the Stibnite Gold Project reduces impact on the environment, provides financial stimulus to the communities, and puts hardworking Idahoans to work.

I strongly urge the U.S. Forest Service to adopt Alternative 2 laid out by Midas in their modified plan of restoration and operations (MOD-PRO). Thank you for your consideration of this monumentally important project as well as the opportunity to comment on its value.