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Comments: I am eager to show my support and encourage the U.S. Forest Service to adopt alternative 2 as part of the proposed Plan of Restoration and Operations submitted by Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project.

As a former member of the Idaho State Legislature serving Northern Idaho, I fully understand the importance of Idaho's natural resources as mining has been a crucial industry to my area. During my time in the legislature I closely monitored the progression of the project and continue to do to this day.

Midas Gold Idaho's proposed project would be great for our economy, our citizens and our environment. The project would help to properly restore a legacy site in Idaho's backcountry and provide a significant positive economic impact. The company plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and provide approximately 1,000 jobs over the course of the mine's life. The company has made a commitment to looking to Idaho first for talent and supplies so this would have a huge trickle down effect.

I urge you to accept Midas Gold's preferred alternatives and continue moving this project forward.