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Comments: We are glad to submit comments in support of Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state and local communities with an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to Rural Idaho, boost our state's economy, and use private investment to clean up a brownfield site.

We are excited for this project to proceed for all of the benefits and environmental improvements Midas Gold is proposing to repair damage caused by historical mining projects. We have seen firsthand the commitment and proposals Midas Gold has planned to help soils recover throughout the life of the project.

Midas Gold is a very environmentally friendly and aware company. We have worked for Midas Gold on numerous projects and we are confident in their abilities to implement and proceed with Alternative 2. We feel strongly that Alternative 2 is the best option moving forward. It addresses the purpose and need of the agencies in a manner that provides environmental advantage and economic feasibility over the other analyzed alternatives. With so much promise for the site's future, we hope Alternative 5 is removed from the table. There is finally an opportunity to restore the site and it is an opportunity that shouldn't be passed up.

As the U.S. Forest Service and other state and federal agencies review the proposed plan and determine the course of action, we encourage you to consider and appropriately weigh the positive benefits Midas Gold will have on Idaho. We need to move this project ahead after the 60-day comment period.