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Comments: As a state representative of Idaho's Legislative District 3, I am dedicated to promoting prosperity and potential in our state and to advocating for innovative solutions to its most pressing issues. The proposed Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project is a unique and robust plan that would invigorate Idaho's economy and communities while using environmentally responsible practices. For these reasons, and having reviewed the U.S. Forest Service's draft Environmental Impact Statement, I write to express my full support for the Midas Gold Idaho Stibnite Project.

As a twenty-four-year resident of District 3, I have a keen understanding of the issues that affect my constituents and how to improve upon them. For this reason, I am encouraged by the proposed plan's economic investment in our state. In all, Midas Gold Idaho plans to invest more than $1 billion in Idaho through its Stibnite Gold Project. Moreover, Midas Gold has committed to hiring locally, meaning they will support training opportunities for Idahoans throughout the life of the project by working directly with schools, community colleges and the Idaho Department of Labor. During construction alone, the company plans to hire up to 500 people and have an annual payroll of over $30 million. This type of investment is exactly what all Idaho communities need, not just District 3.

I thank the U.S. Forest Service for its thorough review in the draft EIS it recently released. However, after careful consideration, I wish to encourage the U.S. Forest Service to adopt Alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho in their Plan of Restoration and Operations.