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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's comment period. I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans since they first came into our state, in large part because much of the proposed project will take place on public land. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities for the future. Midas Gold Idaho is proposing a great project for Idaho's economy, citizens and environment. When the project goes into production, the company plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and provide approximately 1,000 jobs over the course of the mine's life. Midas Gold has made a commitment to look to Idaho first for talent and supplies which will have a major trickledown effect and positively impact many facets of the state's economy. They will provide living wage jobs with benefits, have apprenticeship programs for our youth, allow people to live one place and commute to Cascade for a two week shift and all of this will provide stability for our rural communities. I'm excited about the potential for growth in Riggins.I also appreciate that a mining company is willing to clean up and restore an area that was previously mined prior to environmental laws. Based on the draft EIS, cleaning up the left over tailings that are currently uncontained and sitting on the valley floor will clean up the water quality in the drainage. This commitment is a big win for the river system. There has been more than sufficient time to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and adopt Alternative two as the preferred alternative.