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Comments: We write to encourage the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to adopt Alternative 2 for the Stibnite Gold Project and to approve the project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho to reclaim and restore this important legacy mine site in central Idaho. Stoel Rives, LLP represents Midas Gold Idaho and reviewed the U.S. Forest Service's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). In addition, Stoel Rives is familiar with the economic impacts of the proposed project. We strongly support the proposal for the following reasons: [bull] This project will create the first domestic supply of antimony, a mineral critical to our national defense and many other industries. The project could supply approximately onequarter of the American demand for antimony. [bull] This project offers rural communities of Idaho valuable jobs and crucial tax revenues. [bull] This project will restore natural resources in Idaho relieving that burden for taxpayers, while enhancing the water quality and landscape of our state. [bull] Alternative 2 will relocate old mining materials and store them in a new facility engineered to protect water quality. As the DEIS says, relocating legacy tailings will improve water quality within the Meadow Creek Valley. Stoel Rives expresses its support for Alternative 2 and urges the USFS to accept this alternative so that the project can commence work soon.