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Comments: I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of the National Environmental Policy Act. Midas Gold Idaho is proposing a great project for our economy, our citizens and our environment. The Stibnite Gold Project would help to properly restore a brownfield site in Idaho's backcountry and provide a significant positive economic impact. In fact, if the project goes into production the company plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and provide hundreds of jobs over the course of the mine's life. The company has promised to look to Idaho first for talent and supplies so this will have a huge trickled own effect. The salaries of the positions at Midas Gold Idaho will be two times higher than typical jobs in Valley County. The financial security these positions could bring to families could be life changing. I also appreciate that Midas Gold Idaho plans to have employees be on a two weeks on, two weeks off schedule. This allows Idahoans who live outside of Valley County, or who would not want to relocate to the area, the same opportunity to apply for these positions. The fact that Midas Gold is willing to spend their hard earned money on cleaning up all the previous mining issues is amazing. It appears the fish tunnel that has been proposed was designed specifically for the fish and it will be exciting to see it in action, I hope they will share that experience with all of us. I cannot wait to hear about the first fish migrating into the upper reaches of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. 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.