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Comments: I am proud to submit my comments in support of Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state 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. The company realizes the Stibnite Gold Project site has been damaged after nearly a century of mining and that something must be done if we ever want to reclaim this brownfield site. Midas Gold Idaho wants to restore the site and take care of the environment through mining. I believe in the plan the company presented to the U.S. Forest Service and know it is the best chance to help the repair the historic Stibnite Mining District.

As it stands today, the Stibnite Gold Project site is a brownfield site. The U.S. government tried to restore the area years ago but the work that had been done did not go far enough. The old tailings piles left by previous mining companies are still unconstrained and therefore present a risk of leaching minerals into nearby streams and the groundwater. Each year, hundreds of tons of sediment continue to be dumped into the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River and other waterways from Blowout Creek, affecting water quality and aquatic habitat. And fish still are not able to swim past the Yellow Pine pit to their natural spawning grounds. This area needs to be remediated and Midas Gold has a plan to do it the right way.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to approve Alternative 2 outlined by Midas Gold Idaho.