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Comments: I am writing in support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project, particularly under Alternative 2. I work in Idaho's public education system, so I see the Stibnite Gold Project offering benefits to education in several ways. Adding a new employer from a different industry than just tourism will provide a more stable tax base for funding public education in the area. Residents will have more choice in employment opportunities offering higher wages which also supports funding of education.

Beyond the impacts to the economy and public education, I also believe that allowing the project is the only way cleanup efforts will begin. The project site has been sitting for decades in a hazardous state and this project has the potential to remediate that if given the go ahead.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit alternative 2.

Thank you,

Cate Collins