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I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Midas Gold has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to adopt the proposed activities outlined in Alternative 2 during the permitting process.

If the Stibnite Gold Project goes into production, Idaho would see a huge economic benefit. Midas Gold plans to invest \$1 billion in the state, contribute \$86 million in state and local taxes and make improvements to roads and power grid near the site. The company has also made a pledge to hire locally whenever possible and plans to provide around 1,000 jobs for Idahoans throughout the life of the project. Midas Gold salaries will be approximately two times higher than the local salary. It is impossible to ignore the positive trickle-down effect an investment of this size would have on our community and economy.

I strongly support this project for the future of Idaho and especially the Valley County region. I'm a retiree that loves Idaho and all the great recreational opportunities that exist here, especially in Valley County; but more importantly, my son and his wife are employed here and have two children, my grandchildren, in school here. Their economic future is of vital importance to me and this Project provides that assurance to live, work and enjoy all that Idaho has to offer right here where they are growing up. They and their children are the future of Idaho.

As the U.S. Forest Service and other state and federal agencies review the proposed plan and determine the course of action, I encourage you to consider and appropriately weigh the positive benefits Midas Gold will have on Idaho. We need to move this project ahead after the 60-day comment period. Alternative Two truly is a win-win opportunity for Idahoans and the environment.

Most Respectfully,

Billy J. Miller