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Comments: This letter is provided in support of the Stibnite Mine Project.

I have reviewed the proposed Project by Midas Gold to be reasonable and the Forest Service's environmental analysis to be adequate. I fully understand the issues surrounding the project in its relationship to location and sensitive environmental issues.

To add to this, I submit the following:

1. I am personally familiar with the Stibnite Mine area (was born there in 1946) and the importance the mine played in this nation's war effort by producing strategic metals such as tungsten and antimony.

2. As a member of the Thunder Mountain Gold Board of Directors since 1978, I was instrumental in the sale of the Thunder Mountain District to the Trust for Public Lands and the U.S. Forest Service in 2005; this effort resulted in a 'win-win" for all parties and further secured the sensitive land around this historic mine from development. Thunder Mountain is located east of Stibnite on a wilderness cherry stem.) I therefore am familiar with the issues surrounding mineral exploration and development in the Salmon River drainage and near the FCRNR Wilderness.

3. My professional mining career in Nevada included the design and drafting of a number of plans for large-scale mining operations in sensitive areas and the management of a number of EA and EIS pennitting efforts for those plans of operation.

4. Midas Gold has explored Stibnite for over ten years now and has developed a significant minable mineral reserve that will produce essential materials for the American economy.

5. Midas Gold has developed a mining and reclamation plan that will leave the site in a stable condition.

6. The mine would benefit the communities of Valley County and the State of ldaho by providing significant tax revenues. This would include sales tax, payroll tax, bullion tax (aka mine license tax), etc. The employment base for the project during construction and operation would prove to be a real economic boost to the area.

7. Midas Gold's efforts at community outreach have been admirable. I have seen many mining / exploration companies (large and small) not take the time and effort to communicate with the stakeholders that would be locally impacted by an exploration effort - this is not true for Midas; they have gone above and beyond.

The Midas team has set this as a priority knowing that their social license to move ahead with the project is set early in the exploration stage.

For the reasons itemized above, I support Midas Gold's proposed action outlined in the Stibnite Plan of Operations and EIS. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.