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Comments: I am writing to express my support for the proposed Stibnite Gold Project. After reviewing the U.S. Forest Service's draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), it's clear this project provides Idaho with an exceptional opportunity to provide for our communities and prioritize our people through focused education, employment, and training opportunities.

My goal as a representative of our great state is to build upon strengths innate to Idaho. One of our greatest strengths is our people. I am encouraged by Midas Gold Idaho's openness to giving local communities a much-deserved seat at the project development table. Midas Gold Idaho understands that a project of this size will have significant impacts on our state and has developed a Community Agreement program to give locals an equal voice in its design.

Still, Idahoans must be steadfast in finding other opportunities that allow our children and young people to build upon their own strengths. For me, the best way to do that is through educational and economic engagement - an absolute necessity for cultivating future generations of Idahoans. Midas Gold has committed to hiring local and supporting training opportunities for Idahoans by working directly with local schools and colleges. Furthermore, an independent economic study conducted by Highland Economics, found that local communities could see up to $300,000 annually from property the taxes generated from this project alone.

The Stibnite Gold Project reflects Midas Gold Idaho's interest in our state because, in addition to the many other benefits it offers, it focuses acutely on the educational and entrepreneurial empowerment of all Idahoans. For that reason, I urge the U.S. Forest Service to move forward with Alternative 2 examined in the draft EIS and allow this project to move forward.