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To: [FS-comments-intermtn-payette](#)
Subject: Stibnite Gold EIS Scoping Comment
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Dear Payette NF Forest Supervisor,

I wish to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project. Because I own a cabin at Warm Lake and spend a lot of time in that area, I believe my concerns reflect experience with this incredible recreation resource (Warm Lake).

My comments are as follows:

1. Warm Lake (WL) basin is one of the most quiet places in Idaho. Wildlife (and humans) thrive in this natural setting. The traffic created by the Stibnite Gold Project (SGP) is bound to create a significant amount of noise pollution. The WL Summit is the primary access road (between WL and Landmark). The sound of large diesel trucks and the use of air brakes coming down the summit will impose significant unnatural noise on the WL basin.
2. WL is a sensitive watershed where fish and wildlife thrive. The SGP will threaten this with the transport of chemicals and fuel that could destroy the lake for decades to come with an accidental spill. We should not take that chance.
3. The WL highway is not designed for the amount of traffic or the type of traffic (large heavy trucks) that the SGP will create. I fear that the road surface will deteriorate rapidly and the county and the FS do NOT have the funds to repair it. I also fear that the congestion that is created by the SGP will cause recreationists and campers to reconsider using this lovely lake and its environment. Finally, I worry there will be tragic automobile accidents as passenger cars have inevitable accidents with the large trucks that the road was NOT DESIGNED to handle. I do not see where SGP has addressed any of these issues in the appropriate manner, meaning full disclosure, to the public.
4. The electric power lines necessary for the SGP have not been disclosed adequately to the public.
5. If the employees and families of the SGP plan to spend summers in the WL area, then there has certainly been no consideration as to the impact on the area. The North Shore campground is full every weekend. Additional camping needs to be provided during the busy months of July through mid-August. SGP should provide camping to its employees and their families on private property. Yet I have seen no mention of that in their plan.

I have followed this matter for several years. I have invited Midas Gold to each of our annual Warm Lake Meetings. They are nice people, but they have never given complete information regarding the amount of traffic or the type of traffic. Multiple times saying "We don't know". Well a company the size of Midas Gold SHOULD know the amount and type of traffic and travel patterns.

Philosophically I am very much against this project. Yes, they will bring in short term jobs, but they will leave our community with long term problems. And like every other mining operation, they will not be around to solve the problems.

This is a Canadian company that wants to create significant and long lasting negative impacts

in Idaho in order to line their own pockets. I hope the Forest Service will recognize that you are responsible to protect the land and the environment for Americans and future Americans. If you allow this disaster to happen, you are not thinking about the future.

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