

July 14, 2017

Keith Lannom Payette National Forest 500 North Mission Street, Bldg. 2 McCall, Idaho 83638

RE: STIBNITE GOLD ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) has reviewed the Forest Service request for scoping comments for the Stibnite Gold mining operation. The site is located in the upper East Fork South Fork Salmon River drainage approximately 44 air miles northeast of the city of Cascade, east of SH-55 milepost 142.60. ITD has the following comments:

- 1. ITD and representatives of Midas Gold met and are working to clarify access points and needed traffic mitigation measures for the State highway System. Midas Gold is currently conducting a Traffic Impact Study to show what impacts their activities will have on the State Highway system and what they may need to construct to mitigate those impacts. Locations being studied are:
 - a. The intersection of SH-55 and Banks-Lowman Road.
 - b. The intersection of SH-55 and Warm Lake Road.
 - c. The intersection of SH-55 and Deinhard Lane.
 - d. The intersection of SH-55 and Boydstun Lane.
 - e. The intersection of SH-55 and SH-55 and US-95.
- 2. Idaho Code 40-1910 does not allow advertising within the right-of-way of any State highway.
- 3. IDAPA 39.03.60 rules govern advertising along the State highway system. The applicant can contact the ITD District 3 Traffic Section at 334-8300 for more information.

If you have any questions, you may contact Shona Tonkin at 334-8341 or me at 332-7190.

Sincerely,

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