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To: <u>FS-comments-intermtn-payette</u>

Subject: Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project--Scoping

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Dear Cascade and Krassel Ranger Districts:

Please accept my comments for scoping the Stibnite gold mine proposal.

This is an excellent opportunity for a "Mine for Clean Up" of this site -- reclamation; stream enhancement, water quality improvement and the fishery revived; all while producing mined products that we (US) need for our nation's economy, and our national security.

Some contend the state or federal government, or some other entity, will someday advance reclamation and clean up of this site, but with the EPA's glaring failure in SW Colorado so recent in our minds, I do not share this sense of optimism for state or federal sponsored clean up. Midas Gold is led by a very experienced group of mining professionals who can responsibly mine and produce the gold and antimony (an other by-products that are economically viable), while also advancing world-class clean up and stabilization work, while employing hardworking Idahoans at good-paying jobs and bolstering the local tax base.

It's important to the local and regional economy – and of course the people who live in and around Idaho County – that this project proceeds rapidly. Please conduct your analysis in a thorough manner, of course, but without the all-to-typical bureaucratic delay.

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