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To whom it may concern,

Please read the attached letter in regards to proposed Midas Gold project at the stibnite mining complex above the yellow pine Idaho.

Sincerely,

Tom Coffman

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Payette national Forest supervisor

Re: Stibnite gold EIS scoping comment.

Dear Sirs, this letter is in regards to the proposed Midas Gold project at the stibnite mining complex above yellow pine Idaho.

1. It has been said that the Midas Gold Corporation mines for investors rather than for gold. It is been stated that there are 2 million ounces of gold to be recovered from the stibnite complex. Has this been confirmed or validated by any other source rather than Midas Gold? Specifically have any governmental agencies reviewed this claim to assess its authenticity.
2. The corridor between cascade Idaho and the stibnite complex is narrow, winding, and seeing evermore increasing traffic. What measures will be taking place proactively to mitigate congestion and traffic accidents. It is estimated that between 50 and 100 semi's per day along with numerous other vehicles will be using this highway.
3. In the event of a motor vehicle accident with injuries the extraction and recovery of victims will be very problematic in this corridor. Anyone seriously injured would be hours away from medical care.
4. The roadbed is asphalt. The volume of traffic estimated as well as the weather conditions will cause serious degradation of the roadbed in my opinion. In the last several years there's been multiple areas of road repair, especially the last 12 to 24 months, simply with the routine recreational traffic.
5. The extension of the burnt log road through what is currently a roadless area, crossing several very steep Creek Canyons, is very likely to lead to erosion and degradation of watershed quality. In addition if this is meant to be a year-round road there will be numerous avalanches triggered which will further compromise water quality.
6. In what is currently a fairly quiet and remote area traffic noise will become overwhelming as vehicles come down off of the landmark grade.
7. Despite assurances of safe and effective control of contaminants at the mining complex itself history would tell us that it's extremely likely to be serious spills and contamination into the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River compromising native salmon runs.
8. For these reasons I would be opposed to the approval of this project.

Sincerely Tom Coffman

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