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To: [FS-comments-intermtn-payette](#)
Subject: Plans for the Stibnite Gold project need to protect water quality and restore habitat
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Dear Payette Forest Supervisor Keith Lannom and staff,

I worry about history being repeated with this project. I trust that you and your team will take all the necessary actions to ensure that the land, wildlife and future will be protected to the best of your ability.

My first concern is with the waterways. There is a plan to reroute the water through the Yellow Pine pit for the duration this company will be here. However, after they are gone they plan to plug the new waterway. This is hypocritical to their claim to restore and leave things better than the way they found it. I would like to hear of a better long term plan than creating, building, using, LEAVING this new waterway plugged. What will the direct impact be on the fish who have been rerouted multiple times by the hand of man.

It has also been said that Midas Gold will be digging far beyond where mines have been dug in the past. I would like to learn more about the impact of digging further in areas that have already been excavated. It seems as though the bottom line is dirty profit above the well being of the land, community and future health of this area.

In June of 2014, Midas Gold presented at the IACI stating the potential for a district wide exploration, including several smaller, high grade, underground targets. Does Midas Gold plan on and ongoing exploration for mining opportunities in the area after initial mining has begun? If so, what do these explorations involve? Will there be limits to how many explorations they can do? Who will be overseeing that these explorations are done correctly, within code?

Another concern any good American has is the quality of life they are impacting of the Yellow Pine community and the habitat of wildlife. Yes, big game, fish and small animals will be impacted no matter how many "eco-friendly" labels you put on a project and there have been studies conducted of this impact. However, what is the impact on the insects, the plants and the underground well being of the land? The air quality is also a concern since the road being traveled is dirt and the machinery will create fumes. In addition, What business do they plan on bringing to Yellow Pine. Businesses there need benefits to this project as well, since Midas Gold claims there Canadian fame to being an Idaho Community centered corporation.

What will happen to all of the buildings after they rape the land of all its monetary worth? Will the buildings become vacant and rot, will they be held responsible for properly disposing of any building materials both in Cascade and the Yellow Pine area? Yes, it may all look pretty and new now but once they deplete the land or go bankrupt what happens to the vacant buildings?

Thank you for allowing the people of Idaho to voice their concern for this project. I do not believe Midas Gold will be beneficial to Idaho in the long term. It is merely a short term financial gain that will only provide positive monetary impact to the community for a short while. As history has shown, there are no long term benefits for the wildlife, the land nor the community that will be left cleaning up their mess after 5-10 years of mutilation.

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