

July 5, 2017

Payette National Forest  
ATTN: Forest Supervisor Keith Lannom-Stibnite Gold EIS  
500 N. Mission St.  
McCall, Idaho 83638

RE: Stibnite Gold EIS Scoping Comment

Dear Mr. Lannom,

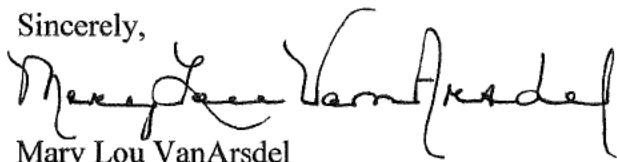
I am a Valley County property owner. I am writing this letter because I was just made aware of the Forest Service/Midas Gold informational meeting that was held on June 28, 2017. To say this news was devastating is an understatement! My family and I have been going up to Warm Lake since I was a little girl. I am now 71. My husband and I, along with our children and grandchildren, still go to the Warm Lake area every summer and early fall, sometimes several times.

The proposal of this mine to the area would absolutely destroy it. It is a quiet, pristine lake and the Forest Service is responsible for that. I want to thank you that rules and regulations have kept it that way. The thought of 130 trucks going up and down that road per day is sickening. It will ruin the pavement, to say nothing of the numbers of people that will be coming into the area, which is very limited in the number of people it can accommodate. There is only one small resort and a few campgrounds. This is not an area that can handle hordes of people.

Another concern is the noise (not to mention accidents from cars trying to pass big, slow-moving trucks) from these trucks with their jake brakes coming down the grade. This will be disturbing to all who are trying to vacation and enjoy the serene beauty of Warm Lake. Noise travels across the lake and one can hear people *talking* clear across the water on the other side.

I'm sickened that the opening of a mine in the area is more important than preserving this beautiful area that has been enjoyed year after year for generations. I would beg the Forest Service to please reconsider this horrendous decision.

Sincerely,



Mary Lou VanArsdel

