

Greetings,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the U.S. Forest Service's permitting process. This is an important project for Valley County and will have a significant impact on the community. As someone who cares about this region of Idaho's back country, I want to make sure the Stibnite Gold Project is done the right way.

Midas Gold Idaho believes in a local workforce and has promised to hire Idahoans whenever possible. The company will provide employees with training and help our state build a more skilled workforce. These jobs are not entry level positions and the skills are valuable in other industries outside of mining. Midas Gold estimates salaries will be two times higher than the local average in Valley County. This can make a big difference in the life of many families and the future of the region.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit alternative 2 so this brownfield site can finally be restored.

Best Wishes,

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