

Attention Linda Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of Midas Gold Idaho's public permitting process.

Midas Gold Idaho is proposing a great project for Idaho's economy, citizens and environment. When the project goes into production, the company plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and provide approximately 1,000 jobs over the course of the mine's life. To say that this is great opportunity to the residents and workers of Idaho is an understatement. During construction, the annual payroll is estimated to range from \$42 million to \$49 million. The state of Idaho itself will benefit greatly especially in such challenging times. Though our communities are growing from out of state relocation such a project will commute some of this growth directly to blue collar. Midas Gold has made a commitment to look to Idaho first for talent and supplies which will have a major trickledown effect and positively impact many facets of the state's economy. Alternative 2 presents the best option to protect Idaho's environment. It eliminates the West End development rock storage facility, limits the footprint of the project and extends the lining in Meadow Creek to protect against streamflow reductions. All of which are of the utmost importance to all land owners in the area. Alternative 3 would cause us to miss out on water quality benefits because under this proposal the tailings storage facility would be moved to more pristine habitat and leave the existing tailings unprocessed. According to DEIS chapter 4, section 4.9, removing legacy tailings and managing water quality provides long-term reduction in metal loading in ground and surface water. It is for these reasons, I hope the Forest Service moves forward with Alternative 2. Alternative 2 is clearly the way of residents, workers, large land owners and pro wildlife.

Midas Gold wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. We should let them. Please permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward.

Sincerely,

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