

Attention Linda Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Draft EIS period for the Stibnite Gold Project.

This project, especially alternative 2, is in line with responsible resource development. Both the protecting and rehabilitating the natural environment and economic development will benefit from this project. Alternative 2 blends improving public lands with building a robust business and it is an approach I encourage. From repairing a legacy mine site to developing roads and power infrastructure, the \$1 billion investment the company would make in Idaho will benefit the entire state. For example, ground and surface water quality are currently a concern around the site. In some places on the site, arsenic and antimony levels in the water are currently 700 times higher than drinking water standards. Midas Gold can correct these problems by following Alternative 2. 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. These are benefits we cannot pass up.

I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2.

Thank You,

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