

Greetings Ms. Jackson and Staff of the Forest Service,

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits it will bring to Idaho. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair.

Private industry is needed to restore the Stibnite Gold Project site. Unfortunately, the federal government attempted to restore the area but problems in the area still persist today. Midas Gold Idaho wants to restore the site through mining. The company has spent the last six years studying the environment of the site, gathering input from the community and carefully analyzing many options to mine and perform restoration work. I encourage you to adopt alternative #2 outlined in the environmental impact statement as you evaluate the project moving forward. The plan is well thought out, practical and environmentally sound. Alternative #3 and #4 do not provide as many environmental impacts. They would put construction and mine traffic adjacent to miles of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River, increasing the chance of spills, and move the tailings storage facility to more pristine habitat. Alternative #2 on the other hand will reduce long-term contamination in the ground and surface water by reprocessing tailings left behind by old mining operations, improve productivity of fish species by opening up their path, and improve the chance of survival of salmon.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on the project. I urge you to move forward with alternative #2.

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