

Hello,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's comment period. I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans since they first came into our state, in large part because much of the proposed project will take place on public land. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I became about the possibilities for the future. Midas provided many opportunities to learn about the project and to tour the site. As one who took the time to be educated, I feel well qualified to offer my opinion on the proposed project.

I am impressed with the Midas Gold's current dedication to repairing environmental issues at the site from mining activity that took place on and off for more than 100 years. This is a major investment. Government agencies would not have the budget to perform all the necessarily reclamation work. This private/public partnership is the right approach for Idaho and will solve environmental issues while providing the area with a significant economic boost.

In reviewing the DEIS, it is clear to me Alternative 2 presents the best option to protect Idaho's environment. It limits the footprint of the project, eliminates the West End development rock storage facility and extends the lining in Meadow Creek to protect against streamflow reductions. Alternative 3 proposes relocating the tailings storage facility to more pristine habitat on site and would leave the existing tailings unprocessed. That area struck me as one of the larger messes left behind when I took the Midas tour a year ago. This would also mean we would miss out on key potential impacts of the project. 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. Current arsenic and antimony levels are too high, we cannot miss out on these benefits.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

My Best,

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