

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I have reviewed the Plan of Restoration and Operations and met with members of Midas Gold Idaho to better understand the company's plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. Below are my comments on the plan to be included in the comment period.

After reading through the alternatives proposed by the USFS, Alt 5 seems unacceptable. If private industry is willing to take on past legacies, what will happen to the environmental legacies at Stibnite if there is no action? What resources will the U.S. Government dedicate to solving the water quality and fish passage problems if Alt 5 is selected?

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.

Thanks for your Consideration,

There's the form letter but I have a little more to add.

The legacy, "Status Quo" level of disturbance of this area has only one, ONE, viable option for remediation and restoration to any similarity to its historical state. Midas Gold, with its plan of "paying it forward" and getting the upper reaches of the salmonid's native spawning grounds accessible again in under a decade after starting operations is only half-a-century late in beginning! What the government has spent in "remediation & reclamation" is a drop in the bucket compared to the investment that Midas has and will provide.

With the heightened "environmentalist" presence and current regulation, observation and enforcement by USFS, Bureau of Mines, State & Federal Dept. of Environment. EPA and others, THIS PROJECT WILL SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW MINING CAN BE DONE RESPONSIBLY AND PROFITABILITY!. A "walk-away" mine operator at this point would be a death knell to future mine operations in this state and give Midas (as well as the principles of the Company) a "bad-actor" designation which would be the end of their careers.

After reviewing their plans and goals, Midas' investment to date, knowing the hurdles miners in the USA have to go through and knowing there is no other viable plan, from any source, that will do as much for Idaho, I'm all for it!. I'm so confident in their plan that I've bought stock in Midas Gold, currently 4000 shares with the intent on expanding that holding!

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