

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of the National Environmental Policy Act.

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. After spending time in the U.S. Forest Service's Virtual Meeting Room, it is clear to me that 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 DEIS as you evaluate the project moving forward. The plan is well thought out, practical and environmentally sound. It reduces disturbances on site. For example, the company opted to remove the West End Development Rock Storage Facility, which eliminates 72 acres of impacts. Eliminating this storage facility will also help to reduce the depth of Hanger Flats Lake by several hundred feet. I want to see the project move forward and I am concerned alternative 3 and 4 will make Idahoans unnecessarily wait for the project to begin by another 2 years. It would also be awful if Alternative 5 was selected because instead of restoring the site, the site would continue to deteriorate.

It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to continue to move the project forward and permit the site using alternative 2 as the guide.

Yours,

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