

Hello,

I have been following Midas Gold Idaho's plans for several years. I am excited to finally have the opportunity to comment on their Draft EIS, and show my support for the project. Midas Gold Idaho presents a huge opportunity for Idaho, and serves as a great example of how a mining operation can benefit the environment when restoring a site through its mining operation.

Midas Gold Idaho realizes the Stibnite Gold Project site has been damaged after nearly a century of mining and that something must be done if we ever want to reclaim this brownfield site. I believe alternative 2 as outlined by the U.S. Forest Service is the best chance to help repair the historic Stibnite Mining District. This alternative reduces the project footprint size and would help improve water quality conditions. After reviewing the materials in the virtual meeting room, I am concerned that alternative 3 would locate the tailings storage facility in pristine reach of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon habitat. I worry alternative 4 would put traffic during operations too close to the river and alternative 5 would leave the site unchanged and prevent it from getting the help it needs. Alternative 2 makes the most sense for the environment and for the surrounding communities.

As the U.S. Forest Service and other state and federal agencies review the proposed plan and determine the course of action, I encourage you to consider and appropriately weigh the positive benefits Midas Gold will have on Idaho. Alternative Two truly is a win-win opportunity for Idahoans and the environment.

Regards,

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