

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

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. Midas Gold Idaho presents a huge opportunity for the Gem State, local economies and the strategic mineral independence of our Country.

Midas Gold 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. Midas Gold Idaho wants to restore the site and take care of the environment through mining. I believe alternative 2 as outlined by the U.S. Forest Service is the best chance to help the 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.

This Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. Please permit alternative 2 and continue moving the project forward so our citizens can reap the positive impacts.

Sincerely,

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