

Greetings,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the U.S. Forest Service's permitting process. This is an important project for Valley County and will have a significant impact on the community. As someone who explores, plays and cares about this region of Idaho's backcountry, I want to make sure the Stibnite Gold Project is done the right way.

The study of the Stibnite Gold Project brought to light the environmental conditions existing at Stibnite because of past operators. Arsenic levels in the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River are far beyond safe standards. If Alternative 5 is selected, how will USFS address these legacies impacting the waters of Idaho? Who will pay to provide permanent and volitional fish passage? No one has stepped up to clean the site yet and I find it highly unlikely another opportunity like the Stibnite Gold Project will come around. Midas Gold has presented plans to improve water quality and fish habitat under Alternative 2. Section 4.12-39 of the DEIS shows reconnecting fish to more habitat upstream will increase productivity and diversity of these isolated populations. We cannot let the site continue to suffer.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Alternative two is by far the best option in the DEIS.

Respectfully,

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