

Dear US National Forest Service Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of Midas Gold Idaho's public permitting process.

After reading through the alternatives proposed by the Forest Service (USFS) the no action (Alternative 5) seems ridiculous. If private industry is willing to take on past legacies, what will happen to the environmental legacies at Stibnite if the project is not allowed to happen? What resources will the U.S. Government dedicate to solving the water quality and fish passage problems if Alt 5 is selected? These are legacy issues that the USFS has had more than enough time to address if they were given any priority but have ignored.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project the state of Idaho needs. I remember the forest service being willing to work with private industry for the Meridian Beartrack project to the benefit of the community, the forest, and the state. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using the alternative two presented by Midas Gold, as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully,

Name: Laurie Tahija