

Dear Payette National Forest Supervisor,

I have been closely 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.

The project will bring huge economic benefits to the rural communities surrounding the project site. Midas Gold will directly employ 400-500 employees during construction and operations. Payroll is expected to exceed \$34 million. These numbers do not even capture the indirect jobs I am confident nearby towns will see from the Stibnite Gold Project.

Alternative 2 appears to make the most sense from an environmental perspective and it takes mine traffic off of the Johnson Creek road which is ultimately better for all recreationalists. Midas Gold cares about doing the right thing and thought through their plan and which roadways would provide the best safety in addition to keeping the back country open to our recreation, let them build Burnt Log Rd for the safety of all of us.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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