

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold project. I have known the Midas management team for many years and find they are stewards of the environment and will develop the project in manner that is environmentally-socially-economically beneficial to all parties involved. I am particularly encouraged by the restoration aspects of the proposed project: removing and reusing historical waste rock and reprocessing historical tailings, both of which should improve leaching of arsenic and antimony into surface and groundwater, which should help fish populations, and reconnecting those fish to their spawning grounds in the headwaters of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River for the first time in more than 80 years – a laudable outcome.

In addition to cleaning up the site, the project will benefit local economies and members of the community with well-paying jobs and significant capital investment. Midas Gold Idaho is seeking to invest \$1 billion, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our country and the state needs, especially now as we try to emerge from the impacts of the COVID pandemic. Based on the analysis in the DEIS, Midas Gold will leave the Stibnite site in better condition than it is now.

I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to pick alternative 2 as the preferred alternative moving forward.

Sincerely,

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