

Greetings Ms. Jackson and Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Draft EIS period for the Stibnite Gold Project.

I believe the project presents a plan to repair the environment and boost Idaho's economy " particularly under Alternative 2. Historic mining operations, development of former town site and natural processes have resulted in significant degradation of many elements of the environment. Loss of fish passage, potential water degradation from previous mining activity and excessive erosion are all of great concern to our community. The Stibnite Gold Project would finance reclamation efforts to address these problems and in turn boost Idaho's economy. It is a win-win for our community.

It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select Alternative 2 Midas Gold Idaho presented and permit the project.

Yours,

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