

Payette National Forest,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Midas Gold has worked hard to ensure the safety of the community during construction and operations of the Stibnite Gold Project. To minimize travel near important waterways, Midas Gold has proposed using Burntlog Road. This allows the company to take advantage of existing Forest Service roads and reduce travel on Johnson Creek and South Fork Road – both of which are heavily used by recreationalists. This plan maximizes safety and ensures all Idahoans have access to our public lands.

Midas Gold continues to work hard providing much need jobs in Idaho - 1,000 jobs locally at the site. Jobs pay on average \$80,000 annually. That is a very livable family wage in this day and time. Those jobs have a trickle down effect in the community as well because Midas Gold employees need goods and services also. Midas Gold also pays a significant amount in taxes. It is estimated Midas Gold will pay \$329 million in federal corporate income taxes and \$86 Million in state corporate income and mine license taxes. Those dollars help Idaho pay for other programs that families may need.

Midas Gold environmental plan is sound. If allowed to move forward they can reprocess old tailings and get things cleaned up the government could not. Getting those areas cleaned up is better for everyone.

There has been more than sufficient time to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and adopt Alternative two as the preferred alternative.

Best Wishes,

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