

Dear Payette National Forest Supervisor,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the public permitting process. I know this project will have a positive impact on the environment, communities surrounding the site and Idahoans. I am a long time Boise and McCall resident that is familiar with this area of Idaho. I have visited the proposed Stibnite and walked the project.

One area I was particularly interested in taking a closer look at was the tailings storage facility. I was happy to see in chapter 4 of the DEIS it says, "Based on the slope stability analysis of the proposed design of the TSF dam, failure of the TSF dam from a seismic event is considered to have extremely low probability." This is good news considering the recent earthquakes Idaho has seen. Additionally, I am impressed with the location of the TSF under Alternative 2. This alternative uses the mountains to help secure the facility and would mean the dam would only cover 10% of the entire perimeter. Whereas Alternative 3 would move the TSF to a pristine area " a subpar option.

I have personally toured the project. The attention to environmental concerns by Midas was impressive. If the project does not go forward, this area will continue to deteriorate from past mining activities. The project is located in a beautiful area of Idaho, but it is not pristine wilderness. There has been a lot of mining activity in the past, the the Stibnite Gole Project is an opportunity to address some of the problems caused by prior projects in this area.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using alternative two presented by Midas Gold, as expeditiously as possible. There is no need to extend the comment period. Sixty days is plenty of time to comment and we need the benefits of this project now. Further study and comment will not result in any better answers so lets get moving.

Sincerely,

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