

Dear Payette National Forest Supervisor,

I have reviewed the Alternative 2 and met with members of Midas Gold Idaho to better understand the company's plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. Below are my comments on the plan to be included in the comment period.

The Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho and our country. While the site is rich in gold deposits it also has deposits of antimony – a mineral designated critical by the U.S. government. In fact, the Stibnite Gold Project is the largest known deposit of antimony in the country. We depend heavily on China for this mineral. Antimony is crucial to the defense and energy industries and is in many items we use on a daily basis, like our cell phones. Permitting the Stibnite Gold Project will allow us to have a domestic resource for this very important mineral.

I found the 60 days allotted and the digital tools provided by the USFS meaningful and sufficient for public review. Midas Gold wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. We should let them. Please permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward.

I am 86 years old and have been following this project for 2-3 years and have been amazed at the careful and responsible plans to restore the Stibnite to it's original or better condition. I hope the project comes to a quick resolution as I would like to visit the area when it is undergoing reconstruction. Please give the final OK as I haven't a whole lot of years left to come to IDAHO and see the project I believe 1000% in for the betterment of the former mine, the land area, the salmon, the State of Idaho, and the thousands of the local residents.

Please approve this project without further delay.

Sincerely,

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