

U.S.F.S. Officials,

I write to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in Alternative 2 during this public input process.

I have met some of the employees of Midas Gold and I have been to the site. I believe what they say. They have conviction in their plan. I believe that Idaho would see a huge economic benefit from their plan.

I believe they actually intend to improve the environment while doing their work and earning a profit here. Water quality has suffered for decades and Midas Gold has a plan to correct the problem.

The world needs the minerals they will mine and Midas Gold has a valid plan to achieve their goals economically and ecologically.

I encourage the USFS to permit Midas Gold Idaho's project as outlined in their Modified Plan of Restoration and Operations, alternative 2 in the DEIS. The USFS has provided meaningful time to submit comments and already extended the comment period once, there should be no further delays.

Sincerely,

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