

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

I am writing to express my views on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. The opportunity presented by the Stibnite Gold Project is compelling for many reasons and it is a project I am committed to seeing come to fruition.

Midas Gold has made it clear reclamation efforts will start alongside operations. They have worked to find safe access routes to the site that keeps vehicles away from our precious waterways. Plus, the company is trying to minimize their impact on the environment by keeping facilities within the existing footprint of historic mining operations.

The comment period has been extended once already. It should not be delayed further. This only delays Idaho from recognizing the benefits of the project. The current USFS timeline provides plenty of time to review the DEIS and comment. After reviewing the document, I encourage you to permit alternative 2 of the project.

Sincerely,

Name: Mario Salas