

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Draft EIS period for the Stibnite Gold Project.

I am grateful for the tools the USFS has provided to review the document. 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.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in your state to perform reclamation efforts before and after mining operations for the betterment of wildlife habitat, which will bring more than hundreds of jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project your state needs. The U.S. Forest Service has provided Idahoans with meaningful tools to easily review the document and ample time to comment. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project following alternative two.

Thanks for your Consideration,

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