

Payette National Forest,

In this time of covid I hope that this note finds you safe and well. I'm writing about the Midas Gold project. If Midas Gold Idaho is allowed to move forward with the Stibnite Gold Project, they will reclaim an area impacted by historical mining, create hundreds of well-paying jobs and provide a huge boost to our economy in the process. It is a win-win for Valley County. We need to permit the project.

Midas Gold Idaho has prioritized public access to Idaho's backcountry. While the company feels Stibnite Road is too dangerous to safely transport employees and equipment to the site, they recognized how important this route was for residents who live in the area. The ModPRO they submitted to the U.S. Forest Service allows Idahoans to continue to access Thunder Mountain by driving through the site when it is safe and feasible. Review alternative 2 and you can see Midas Gold wants Idahoans to continue to have easy access to our public lands. SUPERFUND sites can be allowed to languish or put to positive use as we did with the back bowls at the Vail ski resort. This is a very positive opportunity and potential outcome.

I would like to thank the U.S. Forest Service for providing the opportunity, and sufficient time, to comment on this important project's permitting process. I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2.

Best Wishes and best regards,

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