

Dear Payette National Forest Supervisor,

As a frequent user of US Forest Service lands in Idaho, 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.

By law Midas Gold Idaho is required to set aside all of the money needed for restoration prior to any mining activity. This gives me, as a user of Payette National Forest Service lands, as well as all Idahoans, peace of mind that the restoration work the company has committed to will come to fruition no matter what happens. If Midas Gold Idaho is allowed to move forward with its work, salmon will be reconnected to their native spawning grounds and an unacceptable blight on these lands will be forever removed. This hasn't happened in 80 years! Mining has devastated this area. Midas Gold Idaho wants to fix it and I hope you will clear the path to allow their restoration work to move forward in an expeditious manner.

The comment period for the project was already extended once. The U.S. Forest Service has given the public more than adequate time to comment, plus tools that make reviewing the document easy and a virtual meeting room to make information more digestible. It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to continue to move the project forward and permit the site using alternative 2 as the guide.

Most Respectfully,

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