

Payette National Forest Supervisor,

I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans for several years. I am excited to finally have the opportunity to comment on their Draft EIS. Midas Gold Idaho presents a huge opportunity for the Gem State.

Midas Gold has worked hard to ensure the safety of the community during construction and operations of the Stibnite Gold Project. To minimize travel near important waterways, Midas Gold has proposed using Burntlog Road. This allows the company to take advantage of existing Forest Service roads and reduce travel on Johnson Creek and South Fork Road - both of which are heavily used by recreationalists. This plan maximizes safety and ensures all Idahoans have access to our public lands.

Reviewing Midas Gold's plans it is clear to me the company really believes in taking care of the environment and keeping the community safe. I urge you to permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative two and keep this project moving forward. The comment period has been extended by 15 days once already, please keep the comment period to 60 days, so we can prevent additional delays.

Yours, Geri Markel

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