

Greetings,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as it will directly impact me and my access to the backcountry.

Midas Gold Idaho is proposing a great project for our economy, our citizens and our environment. The Stibnite Gold Project would help to properly restore a brownfield site in Idaho's backcountry and provide a significant positive economic impact. In fact, if the project goes into production the company plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and provide hundreds of jobs over the course of the mine's life. The company has promised to look to Idaho first for talent and supplies so this will have a huge trickledown effect. The salaries of the positions at Midas Gold Idaho will be two times higher than typical jobs in Valley County. The financial security these positions could bring to families could be life changing. I also appreciate that Midas Gold Idaho plans to have employees be on a two weeks on, two weeks off schedule. This allows Idahoans who live outside of Valley County, or who would not want to relocate to the area, the same opportunity to apply for these positions.

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.

Sincerely,

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