

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest  
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts.

The U.S. Forest Service's online meeting room has made it easy to review the document and comment within the 60-day timeframe, and employees of Midas Gold have been widely available to answer all of my questions. Looking at the document, there is a clear advantage to Alternative 2 compared to the other options. Alternative 3 and 4 would both delay the project by two years and cost substantially more. Alternative 3 would also place the tailings storage facility in a pristine reach of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River and in part on a large ancient landslide. While Alternative 4 would put mine traffic to site right next to the river, keeping traffic next to important waterways and known avalanche areas, and bringing it directly through Yellow Pine, Idaho.

It is clear to me that Alternative 2 is the most appropriate alternative to permit. I urge you to permit Midas Gold's carefully thought out plan as outlined under Alternative 2. Thank you for reviewing my comments.

Cheers,

Sean Nitzel