

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
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DEAR MS JACKSON,

Midas Gold Idaho has been a member of our community for the past decade. During this time, the company and its employees have become wonderful champions and supporters of our community. They've volunteered their time in our schools and given generously to community causes. It is with this background that I feel confident in commenting on the Stibnite Gold Project.

Midas Gold has worked hard to ensure the safety of the community during construction and operations of the Stibnite Gold Project. In fact, safety is a key part of Midas Gold's core values. They have prioritized processes that ensure they are limiting potential risks and taking every precaution possible to keep the safety of employees and the community at the forefront of their decisions. This is no more clear than in their decision to propose using Burntlog Road in alternative 2 of the DEIS. 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. And, it keeps traffic away from major fish bearing waterways and known avalanche dangers. This plan maximizes safety and for Idahoan's and the environment.

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.

Thank You,

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