

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.

Alternative 2 is the result of many years of study by Midas Gold. The company developed this alternative after submitting their original plans and working with stakeholders, community members and environmental groups to try to determine how it could be improved. The result was a smaller project footprint, reconnecting salmon to their native spawning grounds before mining ever begins and improved water quality. Two of the alternatives, 3 and 4, would delay the project by several years and withhold its benefits from Idahoans unnecessarily. Those same alternatives could also become so expensive it could make the project cost prohibitive. With everything happening in the world, I feel strongly that we need to Stibnite Gold Project to move forward now. It would bring 500 well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, invest a billion in Idaho and help improve community infrastructure.

Midas Gold wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. We should let them. The Forest Service has given meaningful time to review the document and comment. Further extensions are not necessary and will only hurt Idahoans by delaying the benefits of the project. Please permit Alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project as outlined in the draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Sincerely,

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