

Greetings Ms. Jackson and Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of Midas Gold Idaho's public permitting process.

Of all the options being considered by the USFS, Alternative 2 seems to me to be the best for cleaning up Stibnite and protecting the environment for generations to come. The other alternatives all leave significant room for improvement. In Alternative 3, the tailings storage facility location is not as safe as it would be placed in a pristine part of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River while Alternative 2 keeps the facility in an area that has already been impacted by mining. Alternative 4 would keep access roads where they are today (right next to important waterways), while Alternative 2 moves access roads to site away from streams, creeks and rivers to reduce the risk of spills and minimize sedimentation.

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.

Yours,

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