

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

I am writing to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in Alternative 2 during this public input process.

The folks at Midas has spent countless hours researching and designing the best possible solution for water quality conditions at the site. By cleaning up the former mining tailings that are currently sitting unlined in the valley floor, Midas will improve the water quality for fish, wildlife and nearby residents. Alternative 2 includes a plan to neutralize the metals in the tailings before they are stored in the fully lined facility. According to studies, it will GREATLY improve ground and surface water conditions at the site and be a big step forward to improving the environmental conditions at the site. I prefer Alternative 2 because it will allow bring solutions to the site in the fastest way possible . Alternative 3 and 4 would delay these benefits by two years. Alternative 5 would leave the site as it is today and conditions would likely only get worse, so what's the point?

In reviewing Midas Gold's plans it is clear to me the company really believes in taking care of the environment and keeping the community safe. I urge you to permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative two and keep this project moving forward. The comment period has been extended but you have provided plenty of time to review the summary of the EIS already. Let's get moving and prevent additional delays which are just tactics to keep this project in limbo.

Thanks for your time,

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