

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

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.

Mining provides jobs and opportunities that are important for our local economy. I am grateful to know Midas is committed to hiring locally and purchasing materials locally as much as possible. The Stibnite project will generate hundreds of job opportunities in construction and operations. This type of project will undoubtedly boost our local economy. Mining is an important contributor to a strong economy in Idaho and I know the Midas project will be no different. I support the Alternative 2 proposal because it is the safest way to bring these opportunities to life.

For the above reasons and many more, please move forward with alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project as it is important to all Idahoans. The comment period provides plenty of time to read the DEIS and submit comments. Further extensions of the comment period are unnecessary and will needlessly delay the project.

Thanks for your time,

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