

Dear Ms. Jackson,

Midas Gold Idaho has been a member of the local community for the past decade. During this time, the company and its employees have become wonderful champions and supporters of the community. They've volunteered their time in schools and given generously to community causes. The company's track record of following through on its promises and doing the right thing gives us the confidence to write in support of permitting the Stibnite Gold Project.

This project is in alignment with EO directives and the continuing position of the federal government to encourage and support the continuing development of mineral projects within the western federal lands. We see a "Best Mining Practices" advantage to Alternative #2 in the proposed options and enter our support of this position.

Alternative 2 provides a higher degree of safety for both the location of a new tailings storage facility as well the road options for accessing the site. Under this alternative, Midas Gold will locate its tailings storage facility in an area that is already impacted by past mining activity, whereas Alternative 3 would place it in an untouched area of the site. This unnecessarily exposes more of the surrounding environment to mining operations. For road safety, Alternative 2 reduces the risk of potential spills, minimizes sediment runoff to waterways, and avoids winter avalanche site whereas Alternative 4 would keep the access road where it is, adjacent to the river.

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.

Best regards,

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