

ATTN: US National Forest Service Staff,

I have been following the permit progress of the Midas Gold Idaho project for quite some time now. I have reviewed their mine plan and reclamation plan, and I can only say that this will be a game changer for how mining and reclamation especially within the USA will be treated going forward. Midas Gold Idaho's attention to detail for creating a solid mine plan that allows for incredibly well-thought out post-mining reclamation will set a standard hardly seen before. This is a huge tribute to how far this industry has come over the last century. This project will be the first in what I predict to be many new mine plans that focus on solid post-mining reclamation techniques that go above and beyond the 'normal' reclamation practices seen still today, and I am excited to see how this develops.

To allow this project to move forward will ensure that the bar has been set. And the only way to go from here is in better refining of reclamation/remediation techniques that are still evolving as technology and our understanding industry-wide improves. Moreover, by setting this bar here and now, with this project, it will enable other States to hold this project up as an example of what can be proposed, and what can be done. And from there, improve mining and reclamation practices on a wider sphere.

So please, I encourage you to allow this to go forward so that other States can use this as an example, a first step, to better mining practices and reclamation techniques.

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