

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
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Ms. Jackson,

I write to you today to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project as it is outlined in Midas Gold's Alternative 2 proposal. Coming from someone who takes the safety and wellbeing of the environment very seriously, I believe this 21st century mining project would help clean up the mess that has been left behind at Stibnite, while taking the necessary safety precautions to prevent further damage.

In particular, I am glad to see that Alternative 2 includes much safer access roads than Alternative 4. According the Draft Environmental Impact Statement from the U.S. Forest Service, the route proposed by Alternative 4 exposes mining traffic to road hazards associated with landslides and rockfalls (45 versus 26) as well as more mapped avalanche paths (12 versus 2) compared to Alternative 2.

Fortunately, Midas Gold has shown itself to be a very responsible company with a proven track record of safety. When it comes to the hazardous materials that are a part of any mining project, the company's design for the Stibnite Gold Project prioritizes the safe transportation and handling of these materials, reducing the likelihood of any unforeseen accidents. Another finding in the Draft Environmental Impact Study concluded that a large volume release to the environment at the mine site or off-site facilities is unlikely to occur based on the planned infrastructure specifically designed for the storage and management of hazardous materials.

I believe that the Stibnite region is in good hands with Alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project, and that this should be the alternative the U.S. Forest Service selects.

Thanks for your time,


Eric Armstead