

Ms. Jackson,

I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans for several years. I am excited to finally have the opportunity to comment on their Draft EIS. The south salmon river drainage presents a huge recreational opportunity for the Gem State and is too special to have more mining damage it.

As the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River that passes through Stibnite, it must travel by 10.5 million tons of old, spent ore deposits and tailings materials from decades of mining activity. As you can imagine, this degrades water quality in the river. Midas Gold Idaho will remove, reuse, and reprocess these tailings and waste rock, which will cause much more lasting damage.

I found the 60 days allotted and the digital tools provided by the USFS meaningless and insufficient for public review. Midas Gold says they want to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site, but the past has shown differently and there are better means of restoration for this area. We should not let them cause more damage! Please do not permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward.

Yours,

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