

Greetings,

My family and I have been in the McCall, Idaho area for the past 30 years. We have loved the area since we first set eyes on this beautiful valley and the surrounding areas. We love many outdoor activities and know how fortunate we are to have all of this in our backyard. We continue to be fascinated by the stories and tales of the people and industries that settled here originally and made this part of the country what it is today.

Stibnite is one of the places that is part of that history with the crucial mining of gold and antimony. Unfortunately, today at the site, leftover mining waste is leaching metals into groundwater and hurting wildlife and local communities.

Midas has been monitoring the site for the last decade and discovered there are high levels of arsenic and antimony in the water, far beyond what is acceptable for drinking water standards. Of course, these problems were created long ago by historical mining operations and not by Midas Gold. However, the company has a plan to address these problems.

Alternative 2 offers viable solutions to improve the site. It creates a plan to clean up existing tailings and store future tailings in a state-of-the-art storage facility. I trust Midas to safely reprocess and store the tailings because their facility contains several important design factors to prevent against breaches, leaks, or excessive water accumulation. This alternative will become a positive tale in the history of this beautiful place.

Midas Gold Idaho has been a member of our community for the past decade. During this time, the company and its employees have become wonderful champions and supporters of our community. They've volunteered their time in our 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.

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.

Thank-you,

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