

Payette National Forest,

I am a summer resident of Donnelly Idaho and have followed the Midas Gold Stibnite Project closely over the last 8 years. It will take place in an area of wilderness that I am very fond of. As I learned more, I became very supportive of the mining project. Not only will serious pollution be stopped, the area that is now a brownfield will be restored to a state better than it is now. The sacrificing of acreage to provide us with a much needed source of gold and antimony seems well worth it. It's a small price for a very large benefit to the US and Idaho.

I am writing to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in Alternative 2 during this public input process and here is why:

Alternative 2 provides a higher degree of safety for both the location of a new tailings storage facility as well as 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 sites whereas Alternative 4 would keep the access road where it is, adjacent to the river.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in Idaho, bring more than hundreds of jobs and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project we need.

The U.S. Forest Service has provided Idahoans with meaningful tools to easily review the document and ample time to comment. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project following alternative two.

Sincerely,

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