

Greetings,

It is with great pleasure that I write 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.

I am pleased to see Midas Gold wants to take responsibility and clean up the damage left behind by mining operations in the early 20th Century – even though the company was not involved in any of the previous activity at the site. Midas Gold has a plan to reunite salmon and trout with their spawning grounds for the first time in 80 years. Their plan for the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River over the backfilled Yellow Pine pit will recreate natural conditions as close as possible. They plan to provide permanent access to approximately 25 miles of perennial stream and 6 miles of anadromous fish spawning habitat, and the company has agreed to install a temporary artificial fish passageway that will allow fish to swim past the old mining pit before mining even begins.

I found the 60 days allotted and the digital tools provided by the USFS meaningful and sufficient for public review. Midas Gold wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. We should let them. Please permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward. This is an important project for the state of Idaho, of which I have close ties, and is being proposed in a sustainable and environmentally-friendly way. These are the kinds of projects and companies that we need to see more permits for in the United States. I cannot say strongly enough how much I support and want to see this project move forward.

Most Respectfully,

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