

Dear Ms. Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts.

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 appreciate your time and thoughtfulness. The USFS has provided plenty of tools to review the DEIS and make commenting within the 60-day timeframe possible. For the reasons I stated in my letter above, please permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2 and let Idahoans see the benefits of this important project.

Warm regards,

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