

To Concerned Payette National Forest Staff,

Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho, particularly rural Idaho, with a huge economic and environmental opportunity. I am writing to encourage you to permit the project as quickly as possible.

Midas Gold is very aware of the water quality concerns at site and has been sampling it for years. They've found very high arsenic and antimony levels in certain areas, in some cases 700 times worse than what is considered safe. To address these issues, the company will remove legacy tailings and other waste that cause this issue. Overall, Alternative 2 seems to cover every risk factor possible; it improves upon the company's original 2016 plan, which they adjusted following feedback, and it is superior to Alternatives 3 and 4, which have more safety concerns and could cause delays. And of course, it is better than Alternative 5, which is to do nothing; we cannot afford that approach after all these years.

After reading my letter, I hope you can see why you should permit alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project. This project is a good thing for Idaho, helps decrease America's dependence on foreign countries for critical minerals and cleans up the environment. These benefits cannot wait. Sixty days is long enough for the comment period.

Yours,

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