

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street
McCall, ID 83638

GREETINGS,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the U.S. Forest Service's permitting process. This is an important project for Valley County and will have a significant impact on the community. As someone who explores, plays and cares about this region of Idaho's backcountry, I want to make sure the Stibnite Gold Project is done the right way.

Midas Gold Idaho has prioritized public access to Idaho's backcountry. While the company feels Stibnite Road is too dangerous to safely transport employees and equipment to the site, they recognized how important this route was for residents who live in the area. The ModPRO they submitted to the U.S. Forest Service allows Idahoans to continue to access Thunder Mountain by driving through the site when it is safe and feasible. Review alternative 2 and you can see Midas Gold wants Idahoans to continue to have easy access to our public lands, while also providing the only feasible opportunity to clean up a site in desperate need of repair.

I encourage the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Midas Gold Idaho's project as outlined in their ModPRO, alternative 2 in the DEIS. The USFS has provided meaningful time to submit comments and already extended the comment period once, there should be no further delays. Please permit this project so Idaho can finally see this site restored.

Yours,

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