

USFS,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's comment period. I have been following Midas Gold Idaho's plans because I was President and CEO of Gold Crest Mines Inc., the company that did the initial work on the project beginning in 2007. I am now retired, but I worked in the mining industry for some 50 years as a Mining Engineer and in later years as a Mining Executive.. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities for the future.

I completely support this project for the following reasons:

*It will rehabilitate multiple environmental disturbances caused by prior mining operations.

* It will supply the United States with a critical mineral, antimony,, and greatly limit our need to import antimony from China-- thus contributing

to a goal of President Trump to reduce our reliance on imports for critical minerals.

*It will provide over 500 permanent well paying jobs in an area greatly in need of economic development.

After reviewing the DEIS, I hope the U.S. Forest Service will select Alternative 2, as it seems to be the best option for the site. Under this alternative, Midas Gold designed a very safe Tailings Storage Facility, with 90 percent surrounded by granite mountains and the rest retained by a dam buttressed by 65 million tons of course rockfill. To date, the company has a stellar safety record. They have a nearly decade-long record of transporting hazardous materials without incident; since 2011, they've conducted over 195 successful fuel hauls involving 279 fuel trucks and have gone several years without a significant spill. If the other alternatives are selected, it could slow down the environmental and economic benefits of the project “ in the case of Alternative 5, it could even mean the site receives no attention and the problems we are experiencing today would simply remain.

I urge you to accept Midas Gold's plan as outlined under alternative two. The U.S. Forest Service has provided the public with helpful virtual tools and materials to submit meaningful comments on the project within the allotted timeframe. It is time to move this project forward.

Regards,

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