

To Concerned Payette National Forest Staff,

I am writing to share my thoughts on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold project. There are many reasons why I am excited for Midas Gold's project to come to life and I hope through my comments you will understand why.

Mining provides jobs and opportunities that are important for our local economy. I am grateful to know Midas is committed to hiring locally and purchasing materials locally as much as possible. The Stibnite project will generate hundreds of job opportunities in construction and operations. This type of project will undoubtedly boost our local economy. Mining is an important contributor to a strong economy in Idaho and I know the Midas project will be no different. I support the Alternative 2 proposal because it is the safest way to bring these opportunities to life.

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.

Best Wishes,

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