

Payette National Forest,

I am proud to submit my comments in support of Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state with an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and use private investment to clean up a brownfield site.

I am grateful for the tools the USFS has provided to review the document. One area I was particularly interested in taking a closer look at was the tailings storage facility. I was happy to see in chapter 4 of the DEIS it says, "Based on the slope stability analysis of the proposed design of the TSF dam, failure of the TSF dam from a seismic event is considered to have extremely low probability." This is good news considering the recent earthquakes Idaho has seen. Additionally, I am impressed with the location of the TSF under Alternative 2. This alternative uses the mountains to help secure the facility and would mean the dam would only cover 10% of the entire perimeter. Whereas Alternative 3 would move the TSF to a pristine area "a subpar option.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. And with the coronavirus, we need it now more than ever. The USFS has provided sufficient time to review the document and provide comments. It is time to move forward. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to pick alternative 2 as the preferred alternative for the Stibnite Gold Project.

My best,

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