

Dear Payette National Forest Supervisor,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of Midas Gold Idaho's public permitting process.

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.

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.

Best Wishes,

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