

U.S.F.S. Officials,

I am writing to express my views on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. The opportunity presented by the Stibnite Gold Project is compelling for many reasons.

As part of the Stibnite Gold Project, Midas Gold will be responsible for mitigation and restoration related to its new mining activities. Mining companies must reclaim the land when their operations are completed and provide state and federal regulators with reclamation bonds to guarantee the work will be properly performed before any mining begins. That means the plans put forward by Midas Gold are not optional. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) released in August thoroughly details the environmental issues hurting the region's environment and ecosystem. I believe Alternative 2 provides the best option for removing and storing hazardous waste that has been putting antimony and arsenic into the water for decades. The draft EIS states that solutions from Midas to remove legacy waste and manage water provides a long-term reduction in metal loading in ground and surface water. (Ch. 4 Section 4.9)

Also noteworthy is that Midas Gold Idaho will have a huge impact on the economy through the jobs it provides, the money it spends and taxes it will pay. It is estimated Midas Gold will pay \$329 million in federal corporate income taxes and \$86 Million in state corporate income and mine license taxes.

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. It helps decrease America's dependence on foreign countries for critical minerals, cleans up the environment, and boosts our economy. These benefits cannot wait.

Sincerely,

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