

Ms. Jackson,

I am a life long conservationist and 30 year outdoor writer /author that is currently actively fighting the proposed Pebble Mine development in Bristol Bay, Alaska. I only returned from there three weeks ago. I have had published several articles against the Pebble's development and been in contact with President Trump and his supporters protesting it. However, I fully support the conservation approach to reopening the Stibnite Gold Project in Idaho. I strongly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit the proposed activities as detailed by Midas Gold in Alternative 2 during this public input process.

The Stibnite Gold Project will generate a good number of local jobs and pay taxes in an area of Idaho that can use both. However, more important than that is the clean up they will perform to mitigate the mess left by their predecessors. This cleanup includes restoring a historic salmon run that is incredibly important where salmon are threatened with extinction. It is rare that hard rock mining, that contributes to the economy, is accompanied with environmental plan that will clean up a polluted area, restore water quality, and resume a salmonid spawning run that was previously and tragically destroyed. All of the fish/water/outdoor activists I know favor this project.

Please note that this is the first time in my long life, and many conservation battles from local to national, that I have written to express support for the development of a precious metal mine. The fact that the rare earth mineral Antimony is present on the Stibnite site is a bonus for our country as we are critically short of this key metallurgical material who's production is largely controlled by those who are not our friends.

I strongly urge your support of the plan Midas Gold has submitted and is 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.

Respectfully,

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