

Dear Ms. Jackson,

While the bottom of this is a form letter, I am encouraging you to support the plan as the mining here in Nevada has brought thousands of good paying jobs to remote communities around our state. I've seen the impact first hand as generations have stayed employed in places like Round Mountain NV. which would have been abandoned had it not been for the gold production in the area. Because of the employment created by mining many ranches and farms have been subsidized to stay in operation, Native communities have benefitted from keeping the community intact and the environment has flourished due to their cooperation with the state and federal agencies in the area.

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of the National Environmental Policy Act.

Midas Gold has worked hard to ensure the safety of the community during construction and operations of the Stibnite Gold Project. To minimize travel near important waterways, Midas Gold has proposed using Burntlog Road. This allows the company to take advantage of existing Forest Service roads and reduce travel on Johnson Creek and South Fork Road – both of which are heavily used by recreationalists. This plan maximizes safety and ensures all Idahoans have access to our public lands.

I encourage the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Midas Gold Idaho's project as outlined in their Modified Plan of Restoration and Operations, alternative 2 in the DEIS. The USFS has provided meaningful time to submit comments and already extended the comment period once, there should be no further delays.

Sincerely,

Name: Cory A Merry