

To Concerned Payette National Forest Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the U.S. Forest Service's permitting process. This is an important project for Valley County and will have a significant impact on the community. As someone who explores, plays and cares about this region of Idaho's backcountry, I want to make sure the Stibnite Gold Project is done the right way.

After reviewing the DEIS I am certain that the U.S. Forest Service can meet the requirements placed upon them to ensure that, prior to approval, measures are included that provide for mitigation of environmental impacts and reclamation of the surface disturbance caused by the project. Midas Gold has plans to restore reconnect fish to their native spawning grounds for the first time in more than 80 years, improve habitat conditions, remove and properly store old mine waste and provide a net gain to wetlands habitat. Without Midas Gold, it is unlikely the historic Stibnite Mining District will be cleaned up. The site needs attention and I believe Midas Golds plan, as outlined under Alternative 2, is the best opportunity to get the work done.

This Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. I am grateful for the tools the Forest Service has provided to review the DEIS and learn more about the project. These tools have given Idahoans sufficient time to comment. Please permit alternative 2 and continue moving the project forward so our citizens can reap the positive impacts.

Yours,

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