

To Concerned Payette National Forest Staff,

It is with great pleasure that I write to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in Alternative 2 during this public input process.

Midas Gold has developed a plan to provide our nation with a domestic supply of antimony and protect the environment in the process. Today, the company is already help keep sediment out of the waterways and air by applying dust abatement materials to Johnson Creek Road. Midas Gold is mindful of its impact on the environment and the project is not anticipated to cause or contribute to an exceedance of air quality standards. In fact, I believe the project will have a net positive benefit on the environment. Under Alternative 2, the company will reconnect salmon to their native spawning grounds for the first time in 80 years, remove sediment from the waterways near site and safely store old mine material that is currently polluting groundwater. I believe Midas Gold can strike the balance of mining the materials we need safely, while also protecting and restoring the environment.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using alternative two presented by Midas Gold, as expeditiously as possible. There is no need to extend the comment period. Sixty days is plenty of time to comment and we need the benefits of this project now.

Sincerely,

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