

Usfs,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Draft EIS period for the Stibnite Gold Project.

The Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho with the best opportunity clean up the abandoned Stibnite Mining District. The area needs to be cleaned up. If no action is taken, important fish populations will continue to be blocked from their native spawning grounds and high levels of arsenic and antimony will continue to leach into the ground and surface water. Midas Gold presents the best opportunity to address these problems and provide our nation with its only domestically mined source of antimony. One of the many benefits of mining in the United States is our superior safety standards compared to other countries. Midas Gold has taken safety seriously and only had one lost time incident in the last 55 months. This will continue during operations. The company will have an entire safety department dedicated to overseeing worker safety and training. The company will also have emergency medical technicians and emergency equipment and supplies on site, including an ambulance, first aid and medical supplies (PRO; pg. 2-3). This planning will help keep workers safe and prevent a strain on community resources.

The comment period has been extended once already. It should not be delayed further. This only delays Idaho from recognizing the benefits of the project. The current USFS timeline provides plenty of time to review the DEIS and comment. After reviewing the document, I encourage you to permit alternative 2 of the project.

My best,

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