

Dear 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 and Idaho. As the premier Snowmobile club in Valley County we represent over 400 snowmobilers who play and use Valley county and the surrounding areas to explore the back country during the winter. We recognize the emphasis that Midas Gold has placed on ensuring that the Stibnite Project is done correctly for all involved.

Over the last several years, Midas Gold has been a willing, environmentally sound, and aggressive friend to snowmobilers in Valley county and Idaho. We appreciate and understand the willingness they have shown in working with us, the Forest Service, and all interested in the Stibnite Cleanup and Mining process. Their proven workable attitudes and past history has shown to us that they are indeed worthy of the permitting process to continue with Stibnite Mining and Cleanup. Without their efforts, this area will remain in an ecosystem chaos and frankly an area that few snowmobilers currently use.

I found the 60 days allotted and the digital tools provided by the USFS meaningful and sufficient for public review. Midas Gold wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. We should let them. Please permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward.

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