

Ms. Jackson,

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

In order for Midas Golds Stibnite Gold Project to move forward, the company must mitigate for any impacts the project will have on the environment. In alternative 2 of the DEIS, the company has outlined how it can leave water quality on the site better than it is today and provide fish with access to more habitat. I was pleased to learn Midas Gold has also taken steps to protect air quality. According to analysis by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, the maximum potential emissions from the Stibnite Gold Project will not cause or contribute to an exceedance of any ambient air quality standard. I believe the proposer checks and balances are in place to protect the environment and allow the project to move forward.

I encourage the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Midas Gold Idahos 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.

My best,

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