

Dear Payette National Forest Supervisor,

I have reviewed the Alternative 2 and met with members of Midas Gold Idaho to better understand the company's plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. Below are my comments on the plan to be included in the comment period.

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 for the project was already extended once. The U.S. Forest Service has given the public more than adequate time to comment, plus tools that make reviewing the document easy and a virtual meeting room to make information more digestible. It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to continue to move the project forward and permit the site using alternative 2 as the guide.

Yours,

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