

Attention Ms. Jackson,

I am writing to share my thoughts on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold project. There are many reasons why I am excited for Midas Gold's project to come to life and I hope through my comments you will understand why.

After reviewing the DEIS, I hope the U.S. Forest Service will select Alternative 2, as it seems to be the best option for the site. Under this alternative, Midas Gold designed a very safe Tailings Storage Facility, with 90 percent surrounded by granite mountains and the rest retained by a dam buttressed by 65 million tons of course rockfill. To date, the company has a stellar safety record. They have a nearly decade-long record of transporting hazardous materials without incident; since 2011, they've conducted over 195 successful fuel hauls involving 279 fuel trucks and have gone several years without a significant spill. If the other alternatives are selected, it could slow down the environmental and economic benefits of the project - in the case of Alternative 5, it could even mean the site receives no attention and the problems we are experiencing today would simply remain.

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.

Most Respectfully,

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