

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I have reviewed the Alternative 2 and had the opportunity to meet with key members of Midas Gold Idaho to better understand the company's plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. I work in the Aerospace Industry and work extensively with materials that uses antimony. Antimony is in short supply, and is considered a critical mineral in my Industry. China is the major provider of antimony. The Midas Gold Idaho project shows large amounts of antimony deposits at the Stibnite site. I am pleased to support the company's plan for Stibnite Gold Project. Please find my comments below regarding the plan to be included in the comment period.

The U.S. Forest Service's online meeting room has made it easy to review the document and comment within the 60-day timeframe. As I looked at the document, it became very apparent that there is a very clear advantage to Alternative 2 compared to the other options. I noted that according to a figure in Chapter 4, Hanger Flats pit lake would fill by year 14 of operations in Alternative 2. Under Alternative 1, it would take nineteen (19) years to fill. Naturally, the faster the lake fills up, the faster the groundwater levels will recover around that lake. Alternative 3 and 4 have substantially higher costs while also delaying the project by two (2) years. Besides, Alternative 3 would also place the mine tailings storage facility in a pristine reach of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. And, Alternative 4 would put mine traffic to site right next to the river.

In my review of the document I understand that Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in the State of Idaho, bring more than hundreds of jobs to rural Idaho, and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project that the State and people of Idaho need. I thank The U.S. Forest Service for providing the Idahoans with very meaningful tools to easily review the document and giving ample time to comment. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move forward with the permit of this project while following Alternative 2.

Regards,

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