

October 16, 2020

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I am an employee of Coastline Equipment and have worked closely with Midas Gold for several years. I have spent time to understand the proposed mining operations and I fully support Alternative 2 as proposed by Midas Gold.

Of all the options being considered by the USFS, Alternative 2 seems to me to be the best for cleaning up Stibnite and protecting the environment for generations to come. The other alternatives all leave significant room for improvement. In Alternative 3, the tailings storage facility location is not as safe as it would be placed in a pristine part of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River while Alternative 2 keeps the facility in an area that has already been impacted by mining. Alternative 4 would keep access roads where they are today (right next to important waterways), while Alternative 2 moves access roads to site away from streams, creeks and rivers to reduce the risk of spills and minimize sedimentation.

Safety is a core value for Midas Gold, I can personally attest to this from my experience working with Midas Gold employees onsite. Employees follow strict safety protocols and the company has implemented programs to help employees evaluate potential safety risks around them throughout their shifts. Every day, Midas Gold employees work hard to keep one another, the environment and wildlife safe.

I would like to thank the U.S. Forest Service for providing the opportunity, and sufficient time, to comment on this important project's permitting process. I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2.

Thank you,

Craig White

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig White". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.