

Greetings Ms. Jackson and Staff,

Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho, particularly rural Idaho, with a huge economic and environmental opportunity. I am writing to encourage you to permit the project as quickly as possible.

Midas Gold Idaho believes in a local workforce and has promised to hire Idahoans whenever possible. The company will provide employees with training and help our state build a more skilled workforce. These jobs are not entry level positions and the skills are valuable in other industries outside of mining. Midas Gold estimates salaries will be two times higher than the local average in Valley County. This can make a big difference in the life of many families.

I have done electrical work for Midas on a contractual basis. I have nothing but good things to say about the leadership of this project and the excellent way they work with those providing services to them. Safety has been a top priority with them every step of the process.

In addition, my family has a cabin in Yellow Pine and we are excited about the cleanup possibilities that are planned for the area.

For the above reasons and many more, please move forward with alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project as it is important to all Idahoans. The comment period provides plenty of time to read the DEIS and submit comments. Further extensions of the comment period are unnecessary and will needlessly delay the project.

Thanks for your Consideration,
Jamey Smith