

U.S.F.S. Officials,

My name is Randy Vranes I have worked in the mining industry for over 35 years and have observed both the good and the bad of our industry. I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. I have worked with the team from Midas for several years on various industry and professional groups and have observed their genuine desire to develop this project correctly by putting the local environment and Idahoans first. I have been impressed by their desire to repair and improve conditions remaining from legacy mining and believe that this project will positively impact the area by restoring Salmon use to stream segments currently unavailable to Salmon. They also will provide many high paying, quality jobs that will benefit Idahoans. I believe from the onset Midas has been developing this project from its inception with the intent to listen to local concerns and has moved forward while implementing many suggestions from various local individuals and groups to arrive at a project that will indeed benefit the local and state community. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of the National Environmental Policy Act.

I believe that Midas Gold has carefully researched the Stibnite Gold Project since 2009. Throughout this time, As indicated previously the company has proactively engaged members of our community and consistently sought their feedback. Local input is reflected in alternative two - including the proposed road to site to keep traffic and potential pollutants away from adjacent waterways. The company selected using Burntlog Road after many discussions with local residents. I believe actions speak louder than words and Midas Gold has demonstrated they will be a good partner moving forward.

I encourage the USFS to advance the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Midas Gold Idaho's project as outlined in their Modified Plan of Restoration and Operations, alternative 2 in the DEIS. The USFS has provided meaningful time to submit comments and already extended the comment period once, there should be no further delays.

Best regards

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