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Comments: Attention payette national forest supervisor,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project. This project will have a positive impact on the environment, communities surrounding the site and Idahoans.

As it stands today, the Stibnite Gold Project site is a compromised and polluting site. The U.S. government tried to restore the area years ago but the work that was done didn't go far enough. The site remains a mess and a hazard. Old tailings piles left by previous mining companies are still not contained and thus present a risk of leaching minerals into nearby streams and the groundwater. Under Alternative 2, Midas Gold will pick up and reprocess these legacy tailings, which will reduce long-term metal loading in the ground and surface water. This would be a huge win for the site because today arsenic and antimony levels far exceed human health standards at multiple points across the site. Midas Gold's water treatment during operations will further lower levels of these metals in the river and cause concentrations to be below the current baseline conditions. Each year, tons of sediment continue to be dumped into the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River and other waterways from Blowout Creek, impacting water quality and fish habitat. And fish still are not able to swim past the Yellow Pine pit to their natural spawning grounds. When fish are reconnected to more habitat upstream, it will increase productivity and diversity of these isolated populations. This area needs to be remediated and Midas Gold has a plan to do it the right way.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and adopt Alternative two as the preferred alternative.

Respectfully,

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