

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/24/2020 6:00:00 AM

First name: Rory

Last name: Anderson

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans for several years. I am excited to finally have the opportunity to comment on their Draft EIS. Midas Gold Idaho presents a huge opportunity for the Gem State.

The project will bring huge economic benefits to the rural communities surrounding the project site. Midas Gold will directly employ 400-500 employees during construction and operations. Payroll is expected to exceed \$34 million. These numbers do not even capture the indirect jobs I am confident nearby towns will see from the Stibnite Gold Project.

I have been employed with my current employer for 36 years, hiring on in 1984 in Challis, ID at the Thompson Creek Mine. Our company services and supplies the customers needs in the Mining and Quarry & Construction business in the western U.S. We have worked with Cyprus/Thompson Creek Mining Co. for combined 20 years.

My family has benefited from the mining jobs in Idaho throughout my career. Starting out living and working in Challis, Idaho for 7 years. The opportunities provided to me by working in mining continue today as I have grown with our company taking on roles throughout the operations and management areas in the western U.S, including working in Idaho. My family is multi generation Idaho ranching and mining to this day. We have had dozens of employees with families also getting opportunities to better themselves and the careers because of Idaho Mining that has provided good paying steady jobs over the years.

I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2.