

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/14/2020 6:00:00 AM

First name: Walt

Last name: Wieme

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Dear Ms. Jackson,

I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the past several years Midas Gold has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in its Alternative 2.

Alternative 2 provides a higher degree of safety for both the location of a new tailings storage facility as well the road options for accessing the site. Under this alternative, Midas Gold will locate its tailings storage facility in an area that is already impacted by past mining activity, whereas Alternative 3 would place it in an untouched area of the site. This unnecessarily exposes more of the surrounding environment to mining operations. For road safety, Alternative 2 reduces the risk of potential spills, minimizes sediment runoff to waterways, and avoids winter avalanche site whereas Alternative 4 would keep the access road where it is, adjacent to the river.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on the project. I am grateful for the virtual meeting room you created. It made learning about the project easy and gave me the tools I needed to submit meaningful comments within the 60-day timeframe. If I can do it, anyone can. I urge you to move forward with alternative two.