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Comments: U.S.F.S. Officials,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process, and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts.

As part of the Stibnite Gold Project, Midas Gold will be responsible for mitigation and restoration related to its new mining activities. Mining companies must reclaim the land when their operations are completed and provide state and federal regulators with reclamation bonds to guarantee the work will be properly performed before any mining begins. That means the plans put forward by Midas Gold are not optional. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) released in August thoroughly details the environmental issues hurting the region's environment and ecosystem. I believe Alternative 2 provides the best option for removing and storing hazardous waste that has been putting antimony and arsenic into the water for decades. The draft EIS states that solutions from Midas to remove legacy waste and manage water provides a long-term reduction in metal loading in ground and surface water.

Furthermore, Midas Gold Idaho will have a huge impact on the economy through the jobs it provides, the money it spends, and taxes it will pay. It is estimated Midas Gold will pay \$329 million in federal corporate income taxes and \$86 Million in state corporate income and mine license taxes. Third-party analysis estimates for every job created by the Stibnite Gold Project, another indirect job would be created in the community. This trickle-down effect will have a positive impact on the economy.

The comment period for the project was already extended once. The U.S. Forest Service has given the public more than adequate time to comment, plus tools that make reviewing the document easy and a virtual meeting room to make information more digestible. It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to continue to move the project forward and permit the site using alternative 2 as the guide.