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Comments: Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho, particularly rural Idaho, with a huge economic and environmental opportunity. I am writing to encourage you to permit the project as quickly as possible.

Today at the site, leftover mining waste is leaching metals into groundwater and hurting wildlife and local communities. Midas has been monitoring the site for the last decade and discovered there are high levels of arsenic and antimony in the water, far beyond what is acceptable for drinking water standards. Of course, these problems were created long ago by historical mining operations and not by Midas Gold. However, the company has a plan to address these problems. Alternative 2 offers viable solutions to improve the site. It creates a plan to clean up existing tailings and store future tailings in a state-of-the-art storage facility. I trust Midas to safely reprocess and store the tailings because their facility contains several important design factors to prevent against breaches, leaks, or excessive water accumulation.

Safety is a core value for Midas Gold. Employees follow strict safety protocols and the company has implemented programs to help employees evaluate potential safety risks around them throughout their shifts. Every day, Midas Gold employees work hard to keep one another, the environment, and wildlife safe.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and for giving Idahoans meaningful time to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project. Alternative two is by far the best option in the DEIS.