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Comments: Hello,
Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Comment Period. I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans since they first came into the state, in large part because much of the proposed project will take place on public land. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities it will bring.
After reviewing the DEIS I am certain that the U.S. Forest Service can meet the requirements placed upon them to ensure that, prior to approval, measures are included that provide for mitigation of environmental impacts and reclamation of the surface disturbance caused by the project. Midas Gold has plans to restore reconnect fish to their native spawning grounds for the first time in more than 80 years, improve habitat conditions, remove and properly store old mine waste and provide a net gain to wetlands habitat. Without Midas Gold, it is unlikely the historic Stibnite Mining District will be cleaned up. The site needs attention and I believe Midas Golds plan, as outlined under Alternative 2, is the best opportunity to get the work done.
This Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. I am grateful for the tools the Forest Service has provided to review the DEIS and learn more about the project. These tools have given Idahoans sufficient time to comment. Please permit alternative 2 and continue moving the project forward so citizens can reap the positive impacts.