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Comments: Attention Linda Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of Midas Gold Idaho's public permitting process.

The Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho with the best opportunity clean up the abandoned Stibnite Mining District. The area needs to be cleaned up. If no action is taken, important fish populations will continue to be blocked from their native spawning grounds and high levels of arsenic and antimony will continue to leach into the ground and surface water. Midas Gold presents the best opportunity to address these problems and provide our nation with its only domestically mined source of antimony. One of the many benefits of mining in the United States is our superior safety standards compared to other countries. Midas Gold has taken safety seriously and only had one lost time incident in the last 55 months. This will continue during operations. The company will have an entire safety department dedicated to overseeing worker safety and training. The company will also have emergency medical technicians and emergency equipment and supplies on site, including an ambulance, first aid and medical supplies (PRO; pg. 2-3). This planning will help keep workers safe and prevent a strain on community resources.

I appreciate your time and thoughtfulness. The USFS has provided plenty of tools to review the DEIS and make commenting within the 60-day timeframe possible. For the reasons I stated in my letter above, please permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2 and let Idahoans see the benefits of this important project.

And since some of those rare metals are used in the defense industry and we currently have to get them from elsewhere, bringing all types of mining back home is vital to our national security.