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Comments: To Concerned Payette National Forest Staff,

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of the National Environmental Policy Act.

I believe Alternative 2 of the DEIS provides the best access route to site and would ensure backcountry roads are still accessible for recreationalists and safe for all who travel in the area. Staff traveling to and from the mine site will have two-way radios to communicate where they are on the road, share information about road conditions, and warn of public vehicles traveling on Burntlog route. This also would allow for rapid response in the event of an accident. As an add bonus, the Burntlog route would provide an additional point of emergency access for Stibnite and the Thunder Mountain area. This route also keeps mine traffic away from critical waterway. I worry that Alternatives 3 and 4 put traffic too close to rivers and stream, increasing safety and habitat risks unnecessarily.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than hundreds of jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idahos public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. The U.S. Forest Service has provided Idahoans with meaningful tools to easily review the document and ample time to comment. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project following alternative two.