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Comments: Payette National Forest,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of Midas Gold Idaho's public permitting process. Midas Gold has developed a plan to provide our nation with a domestic supply of antimony and protect the environment in the process. Today, the company is already help keep sediment out of the waterways and air by applying dust abatement materials to Johnson Creek Road. Midas Gold is mindful of its impact on the environment and the project is not anticipated to cause or contribute to an exceedance of air quality standards. In fact, I believe the project will have a net positive benefit on the environment. Under Alternative 2, the company will reconnect salmon to their native spawning grounds for the first time in 80 years, remove sediment from the waterways near site and safely store old mine material that is currently polluting groundwater. I believe Midas Gold can strike the balance of mining the materials we need safely, while also protecting and restoring the environment.

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.