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Comments: Attention Linda Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process and I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts.

The Stibnite Gold Project is an opportunity to address high amounts of sedimentation and drainage of the wetlands that happened as a result of the dam failure at Blowout Creek in the 1960s. This has caused extensive, ongoing erosion for decades and the effects are concerning for fish habitat and water quality. Midas Gold intends to address these issues by repairing the damage and installing a French drain at the site of the old dam to permanently keep sediment out of the river and restore wetlands. According to the U.S. Forest Service's own draft environmental impact statement, their plan for mitigation and restoration will help address this issue.

Chapter 4 states that proposed mitigation will provide 1:1 replacement of wetland acres (4.11.2.3.1.1-2).

Why have the taxpayer pay to clean up the dam failure? Approve Stibnite Gold and hold them accountable to pay for the cleanup as they progress through the mining plan. I am in full support of approval of this project.

After reading my letter, I hope you can see why you should permit alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project. This project is a good thing for Idaho, helps decrease America's dependence on foreign countries for critical minerals and cleans up the environment. These benefits cannot wait. Sixty days is long enough for the comment period.

Regards,

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