

To Concerned Payette National Forest Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the U.S. Forest Service's permitting process. This is an important project for Valley County and will have a significant impact on the community. As someone who explores, plays and cares about this region of Idaho's backcountry, I want to make sure the Stibnite Gold Project is done the right way.

Alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project presents a plan to repair the environment, boost Idaho's economy, and supply our country with a domestic supply of a critical mineral. Historic mining operations, development of former town site and natural processes have resulted in significant degradation of many elements of the environment. Loss of fish passage, potential water degradation from previous mining activity and excessive erosion are all of great concern to Idahoans. The Stibnite Gold Project would finance reclamation efforts to address these problems and in turn boost Idaho's economy. It is a win-win for everyone. Yes, there are risks, but Midas Gold has addressed foreseeable issues appropriately and have a solid plan in place. The existing legacy issues at the Stibnite site are not going anywhere, and we need to look at the long term at getting them fixed.

Furthermore, I stand strongly against both alternative 3 and 4. Alternative 3 would be taking one of the few historically undisturbed areas and filling it with tailings and waste rock. Alternative 4 keeps the main road in and out of site along primary waterways, takes it through the village of Yellowpine, and at the bottom of a steep narrow ravine along the EFSFSR on the current Stibnite road, all of which increase the environmental and safety risks.

Thank you for the thorough review of the Stibnite Gold Project. I urge you to now move forward and permit the mine using alternative 2 so Midas Gold can put Americans back to work.

Best regards,

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