

Payette National Forest,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Draft EIS period for the Stibnite Gold Project.

Midas Gold prioritizes working alongside Idahoans. The company has shown a clear interest in understanding and remedying concerns around the project. They have taken the time to work with the community to develop solutions that work for everyone. For example, the company worked closely with residents of Yellow Pine, recreationalists and snowmobilers to figure out how to preserve access to certain roads in the backcountry. The changes the company made are included in alternative 2. The company didn't need to do this but they did because they knew it was the right thing to do. Through their collaboration with stakeholders at all levels, they have come up with a plan that will not only help Idaho's economy but help restore a legacy site. Their plan has considerable community support.

It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select the modified plan of restoration and operations Midas Gold Idaho presented and permit the project.

Warm regards, Nona D. Smith

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