

DEAR MS 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 study of the Stibnite Gold Project brought to light the environmental conditions existing at Stibnite because of past operators. Arsenic levels in the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River are far beyond safe standards. If Alternative 5 is selected, how will USFS address these legacies impacting the waters of Idaho? Who will pay to provide permanent and volitional fish passage? No one has stepped up to clean the site yet and I find it highly unlikely another opportunity like the Stibnite Gold Project will come around. Midas Gold has presented plans to improve water quality and fish habitat under Alternative 2. Section 4.12-39 of the DEIS shows reconnecting fish to more habitat upstream will increase productivity and diversity of these isolated populations. We cannot let the site continue to suffer.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in Idaho, bring more than hundreds of jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, following alternative 2.

This project will generate well paying jobs for Idaho and provide additional jobs for people supplying material to build, operate, and maintain the mine.

With the river restoration, this project is a win for everyone.

Regards,

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