

Dear Payette National Forest Supervisor,

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 Adams 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.

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.

Thank you for reviewing my comments. Again, I urge you to permit Midas Gold's carefully thought out plan as outlined under alternative 2.

Thanks Again,

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