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Hello,

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits it will bring to Idaho. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair. As a snowmobiler, I am also relieved to see the company will do all of this while still maintaining and protecting our access to the outdoors.


The Virtual Meeting Room set up by the USFS is a great resource for Idahoans who want to review the DEIS. This tool makes it possible to easily comment within the 60-day timeframe. I know you have already extended the comment period once but I believe more time is unnecessary.

By law Midas Gold Idaho is required to set aside all of the money needed for restoration prior to any mining activity. This gives me, and Idahoans, peace of mind that the restoration work the company has discussed will come to fruition no matter what happens. If Midas Gold Idaho is allowed to move forward with its work, salmon will be reconnected to their native spawning grounds. This hasn't happened in 80 years! The US Forest Service's Draft Environmental Impact Statement concluded that removing existing barriers to fish migration will help Chinook salmon, bull trout and steelhead. In fact, DEIS 4.12-39 says long-term access to blocked habitat would result in increased productivity and genetic diversity of isolated populations.

Mining has devastated this area. Midas Gold Idaho wants to fix it and I hope you will clear the path to allow their restoration work to move forward. This is why it would be so concerning if Alternative 5 is selected and nothing happens. We are so close to finally giving the site the attention it deserves, let's make sure we select Alternative 2 and start reclamation work.

Midas Gold wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. We should let them. Please permit the Stibnite Gold Project using Alternative 2 and continue to move this important project forward.

Please keep my comments in mind,


Lyla Workman