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Comments: The Stibnite Gold Project DEIS acknowledges that the increase of semi truck traffic on Idaho 55 would slow all traffic on the highway, likely in both directions. Anyone who has driven that highway through Valley County in recent years knows it is already at capacity and is among the most dangerous roads in the state. RVs and semi trucks slow traffic, while mobs of anxious motorists attempt dangerous maneuvers in a fruitless pursuit to get ahead of one slow vehicle creating a traffic line, only to find another slow vehicle creating another traffic line. This is a serious safety issue for everyone on the highway and can quickly result in catastrophic high-speed head-on collisions.

Midas Gold has conducted traffic studies that have identified various intersection improvements to help accommodate semi trucks associated with the project. In addition to those improvements, regulators should require Midas Gold to expand portions of Idaho 55 in Valley County to include passing lanes or slow vehicle turnouts to lessen the impact of adding another 33 semi trucks per day to the mix.