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Comments: Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

I have never visited the stibnite area and do not know all factors involved, but I am familiar with mining in the Elk

City area. Some of the old mines did leave a mess, but I think it's better to have new miners clean up the old sites rather than tax dollars fixing the old damage (Crooked river project).

In the Elk city/ Dixie area there is lots of information signs about how the Forest Service helped people access the area (roads, trails, air strips) When did the FS switch from helping people access and use the resource, to doing everything they can to prevent any use?

In the middle of a mining or logging operation there is an unnatural look, but there is the same look after forest fires, and natural land slides. Why is it that dirt and rock that comes off Forest service land and piles up on private property (or state hwy) cannot be dumped back on Forest service land?

As the U.S. Forest Service and other state and federal agencies review the proposed plan and determine the course of action, I encourage you to consider and appropriately weigh the positive benefits Midas Gold will have on Idaho. Alternative Two truly is a win-win opportunity for Idahoans and the environment.

Respectfully,

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