Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/7/2020 6:00:00 AM
First name: DC
Last name: Slack
Organization:
Title:
Comments: I write to you today to urge you to accept Alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho in their modified Plan of Restoration and Operations for the Stibnite Gold Project. As a resident of Idaho and a concerned citizen, I believe their plan is comprehensive and benefits our region both environmentally and economically.

Our nation's economy has been severely impacted by the public health crisis we have endured over the past several months, so it's encouraging to learn about the economic investment that Midas Gold will bring with the Stibnite Gold Project. These opportunities are more rare than we know. The Stibnite Gold Project promises to create hundreds of jobs for the areas residents and bring critical tax dollars to rural Idaho communities. The public funds that Midas is estimated to generate is more than $18 million per year during construction, more than $18 million per year during operations and $3.6 million per year during reclamation.

Not only will Midas Gold provide our counties with good jobs, livable wages, and substantial tax revenue, the company has also proven to be a wonderful community partner. In 2018 alone, Midas Gold invested more than $300,000 in road maintenance activities to improve infrastructure conditions and keep Idahoans safe. That same year, the companyspentover$160,000 on local community giving projects while its employees volunteered 3,053 hours of their time. Through November 2019, Midas Gold spent nearly $100,000 on community giving and education outreach and employees volunteered another thousands of hours of their time in our community.

On top of all this, Midas Gold has remained transparent about plans and goals for their operations. They have given anyone interested in tours of the site an opportunity to go up and see the site so that the community has a full understanding of what the Stibnite Gold Project entails. It's clear to me that Midas Gold cares about Idahoans and I am happy to support their project.
It is clear from reading the draft Environmental Impact Statement that Midas Gold considered many factors and alternatives to avoid and reduce the potential impacts of their project. I am confident from their previous track record and the plan they submitted that this will be a win for Idaho.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this comment and I encourage the U.5. Forest Service to approve any permits needed so that Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project moves forward, in particular I urge you to approve Alternative 2 proposed in Midas Gold's modified Plan of Restoration and Operations.