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Greetings Ms. Jackson and Staff,

I believe in the Stibnite Gold Project and Midas Gold's plan, under alternative 2, to make it happen.

I am grateful for the tools the USFS has provided to review the document. One area I was particularly interested in taking a closer look at was the tailings storage facility. I was happy to see in chapter 4 of the DEIS it says, "Based on the slope stability analysis of the proposed design of the TSF dam, failure of the TSF dam from a seismic event is considered to have extremely low probability." This is good news considering the recent earthquakes Idaho has seen. Additionally, I am impressed with the location of the TSF under Alternative 2. This alternative uses the mountains to help secure the facility and would mean the dam would only cover 10% of the entire perimeter. It also leaves the TSF in an already disturbed area and allows Midas Gold to pick up legacy tailings and spent ore, cleaning a much-needed portion of the site. Alternative 3 would move the TSF to a pristine area and in part on a large ancient landslide – a subpar option.

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 for your time,

  
MATT Murray