

GREETINGS,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's comment period. I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans since they first came into our state, in large part because much of the proposed project will take place on public land. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities for the future.

What I like about Midas Gold's plan is that it offers solutions for damage caused by legacy operations and creates a brighter future for the site. For example, Midas is cleaning up old mining waste from projects dating back to the WWII era. I know that Alternative 2 is a holistic proposal that addresses existing issues and protects against their reoccurrence. Tailings are just one issue related to mining projects, and Midas is addressing them directly. Under Alternative 2, the company will construct a long-term storage facility for future waste from mining operations. The facility is designed to withstand an earthquake up to 6.5 on the Richter scale. I feel confident the company has considered multiple scenarios in the design, so it will be able to operate continuously with no problems in order to protect the environment.

I encourage the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Midas Gold Idaho's project as outlined in their Modified Plan of Restoration and Operations, alternative 2 in the DEIS. The USFS has provided meaningful time to submit comments and already extended the comment period once, there should be no further delays.

My best,

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