

Usfs,

I am writing to share my thoughts on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold project. There are many reasons why I am excited for Midas Gold's project to come to life and I hope through my comments you will understand why.

Mining provides jobs and opportunities that are important for our local economy. I am grateful to know Midas is committed to hiring locally and purchasing materials locally as much as possible. The Stibnite project will generate hundreds of job opportunities in construction and operations. This type of project will undoubtedly boost our local economy. Mining is an important contributor to a strong economy in Idaho and I know the Midas project will be no different. I support the Alternative 2 proposal because it is the safest way to bring these opportunities to life.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. And with the coronavirus, we need it now more than ever. The USFS has provided sufficient time to review the document and provide comments. It is time to move forward. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to pick alternative 2 as the preferred alternative for the Stibnite Gold Project.

My best,

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