

To Concerned Payette National Forest Staff,

As Midas Gold Idaho is allowed to move forward with the Stibnite Gold Project, they will reclaim an area impacted by historical mining, create hundreds of well-paying jobs and provide a huge boost to our Valley County economy in the process. The project needs to be permitted.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) released in August thoroughly details the environmental issues hurting the region's environment and ecosystem. I believe Alternative 2 provides the best option for removing and storing hazardous waste that has been putting antimony and arsenic into water for decades. The draft EIS states that solutions from Midas to remove legacy waste and manage water provides long-term reduction in metal loading in ground and surface water. (Ch. 4 Section 4.9)

Thank you for considering my thoughts on this project. I strongly urge you to move forward with alternative two.

Respectfully,

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