

Payette National Forest,

It is with great pleasure that I write to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in Alternative 2 during this public input process.

As part of the Stibnite Gold Project, Midas Gold will be responsible for mitigation and restoration related to its new mining activities. Mining companies must reclaim the land when their operations are completed and provide state and federal regulators with reclamation bonds to guarantee the work will be properly performed before any mining begins. That means the plans put forward by Midas Gold are not optional. 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)

I would like to thank the U.S. Forest Service for providing the opportunity, and sufficient time, to comment on this important project's permitting process. I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2.

Best Wishes,

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