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Comments: Attention payette national forest supervisor,

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.

I believe Alternative 2 of the DEIS provides the best access route to site and would ensure backcountry roads are still accessible for recreationalists and safe for all who travel in the area. Staff traveling to and from the mine site will have two-way radios to communicate where they are on the road, share information about road conditions, and warn of public vehicles traveling on Burntlog route. This also would allow for rapid response in the event of an accident. As an add bonus, the Burntlog route would provide an additional point of emergency access for Stibnite and the Thunder Mountain area. This route also keeps mine traffic away from critical waterway. I worry that Alternatives 3 and 4 put traffic too close to rivers and stream, increasing safety and habitat risks unnecessarily.

I found the 60 days allotted and the digital tools provided by the USFS meaningful and sufficient for public review. Midas Gold wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. We should let them. Please permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward.