

Attention Linda Jackson,

I support the proposed Midas Gold Mine at Stibnite for many reasons:

1. The Stibnite site has been damaged by previous mining operations, including the work done by the Bradley Mining Company. Bradley was mining antimony and tungsten for the World War Two war effort, if it was not for their supply of vital materials we may have lost the war. Unfortunately the environment was not a concern at that time. Midas Gold has a plan to clean up this mess at no cost to the taxpayers.
2. The United States has no domestic source of antimony, a vital material for the US, and is currently importing most of the needed antimony from China. A domestic source of antimony would help the US become less dependent on China.
3. The young people of Valley County do not have the good job opportunities at this time, other than low paying service jobs or seasonal construction jobs.
4. The tremendous investment that Midas Gold will have to make to bring the property into production will increase the tax base for Valley County. The increase in property tax payments to Valley County will do a lot to improve county services.

One comment that I have after reading two volumes of the Draft Environmental Statement is that the proposed tailing dam is planned to have a 1.5:1 slope on the back of the dam, this is the angle of repose for waste rock. I believe a slope of no more than two to one would be more appropriate, both for additional strength and for general appearance of the dam.

I believe the Midas Gold Project will have about the same impact on McCall as the Boise Cascade Sawmill in Cascade had on McCall.

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