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## Regulators Extend Comment Period on Draft EIS for Stibnite Gold Project, Idaho

*Comment period for the proposed gold and antimony mine will now close on October 28, 2020* 

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA – Midas Gold Corp. (MAX:TSX / MDRPF:OTCQX, "Midas Gold" or the "Company") today announced that the U.S. Forest Service ("USFS") has extended the comment period on the Stibnite Gold Project ("Project") Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("Draft EIS"). The comment period will now close on October 28, 2020, providing interested parties 75-days in total to submit feedback on the Draft EIS, which is a 67% increase over the legally required 45-day comment period.

"Public involvement has always been an important tenet of the Stibnite Gold Project," said Laurel Sayer, CEO of Midas Gold Idaho. "The public was integral to helping us develop Alternative 2 of the Draft EIS and we believe public feedback is important in helping develop the final plan for the Stibnite Gold Project. The agency's decision to extend the comment period by an additional 15-days provides the public and other interested parties more time to participate and should ultimately support a robust record of decision. However, given the amount of public disclosure on the Project over many years, it is also time to move to the next stage of finalizing the EIS and selecting a preferred alternative."

"For almost a decade now, we have encouraged public review of and engagement in our plans for the redevelopment and restoration of the Stibnite Mining District. In the past 5 years alone, we have made 912 public presentations, taken over 1,800 people on tours of the site, created a robust website with Project information, held monthly open office hours, and have made our subject matter experts available to any community member asking to know more or wanting to provide feedback," said Sayer. "The U.S. Forest Service has also excelled by providing 24-7 virtual access to the Draft EIS and review materials. With over 1,400 letters received to-date, it is clear many people throughout Idaho feel ready to provide the U.S. Forest Service with their thoughts on the Stibnite Gold Project."

People who are interested in reviewing the Draft EIS can visit the USFS' project page at <u>https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50516</u>. The USFS has also created a virtual meeting room where community members and other stakeholders can learn more about the alternatives outlined in the DEIS and the background to the alternatives. Additionally, there are hard copies of the Draft EIS available for review in multiple communities surrounding the project site. Community members can also learn more about the Project and Midas Gold's plans at <u>www.RestoreTheSite.com</u>. The public is also invited to attend one of the three webinars Midas Gold hosts each week during the comment period to review the Project and answer questions. To register, visit <u>www.MidasGoldIdaho.com/virtual-events</u>.

Comments on the Project can be submitted through the USFS website <u>https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?Project=50516</u> or via direct mail to: Linda Jackson, Forest Supervisor, Payette National Forest, 500 North Mission Street Building 2, McCall, Idaho 83638-3805.

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## About Midas Gold and the Stibnite Gold Project

Midas Gold Corp., through its wholly owned subsidiaries, is focused on the exploration and, if warranted, site restoration and redevelopment of gold-antimony-silver deposits in the Stibnite-Yellow Pine district of central Idaho that are encompassed by the Stibnite Gold Project.



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