

# STIBNITE GOLD PROJECT: Mining the Myths from the Facts



Mining and the environment can work together, the Stibnite Gold Project proves that. Let's put an end to misinformation, let's get the facts about Stibnite.

## MYTH

**Midas Gold Idaho is just like the other mining companies who have come before them. Idaho should expect nothing different.**

## FACT

Midas Gold Idaho is a modern and responsible mining company committed to repairing past damage and ensuring there is a sustainable future in the Stibnite region. The proposed restoration is upfront and early, and an integral part of the plan for redevelopment of the site that will be the basis of the permits.

## MYTH

**Stibnite has already been restored.**

## FACT

It has been 100 years and the Stibnite site is still heavily impacted from previous mining activity. The U.S. government and private mining companies invested some money, but not nearly enough to restore hundreds of impacted acres to a functional ecosystem. Midas Gold Idaho is the only one with a plan to accomplish this goal, which is funded through the redevelopment of the site; Idaho taxpayers will pay nothing.

## MYTH

**Midas Gold Idaho can walk away whenever they want, leaving the site in a worse condition than when they found it.**

## FACT

Federal and state governments require Midas Gold to set aside all money needed to fully reclaim the site before mining ever begins. Restoration work would commence on project approval and would continue through the life of the project. Midas Gold Idaho is 100% committed to returning the site and the Salmon River to a fully functional habitat.



## DID YOU KNOW?

An unprecedented 104 Idaho state elected officials voted in favor of a joint memorial asking D.C. policymakers to support the Stibnite Gold project, including leadership in the Republican and Democrat caucuses of both houses.



**\$1.1  
BILLION  
INVESTMENT**

commitment by Midas Gold over the course of the entire Stibnite Gold Project.

## LATEST:

In March, Idaho Representatives passed House Bill 141, that updates Idaho's 1971 Surface Mining Act to mandate stronger financial backing and oversight to ensure the real cost of reclamation for mining projects is fully funded.



## MYTH

**Midas Gold does not care about the environment.**

## FACT

The environment is Midas Gold's top priority. The company's proposed plan has been built around minimizing environmental footprint, restoring fish migration for the first time in 80 years, preventing hundreds of tons of sediment that currently enter the river every year, delivering thousands of acres of reforestation, and more.



**55,774**

Trees already planted since 2011 at Stibnite by Midas Gold Idaho.

## MYTH

**Midas Gold's tailings facility is the same type as those that failed in Brazil and Canada.**

## FACT

The tailings dams that failed in Brazil and Canada were built using upstream construction. Midas will build its facility with a downstream method, placing the tailings facility so that 90% of the area is surrounded by mountains that will not, and cannot, fail. The other 10% of the perimeter will be buttressed with 65 million tons of rock.



**65 MILLION TONS**

of additional rock that will buttress the segment of the facility not against the mountain.

## MYTH

**Midas Gold's tailings disposal would bury more than a mile of salmon habitat under tailings.**

## FACT

Today, miles of salmon habitat is entirely inaccessible to fish due to the Yellow Pine pit and the historic tailings. Midas Gold's plan is to reconnect fish as quickly as possible by building a temporary passage way that bypasses the existing area entirely. Then the company will rebuild the natural channel and open access to many more miles of currently inaccessible streams for fish to swim for the first time in more than 80 years.



**3.4 MILES**

of salmon habitat being restored and accessible for the first time in more than 80 years.

## MYTH

**Midas Gold's redevelopment of the Stibnite site will result in acid rock drainage.**

## FACT

Active mining in the area for upwards of 100 years has never resulted in acid rock drainage (ARD), and extensive testing of all materials to be mined has demonstrated that ARD is not an issue in the planned redevelopment of the site.

