Payette National Forest Keith Lannom Forest Supervisor

I am writing today in **support** of Midas Gold's stibnite Gold project.

Having been a resident of Valley County and a graduate of McCall Donnelly High school. I know the importance of good high paying jobs for the area. I like a lot of people having been raised in the area were forced to leave due to the lack of good jobs. With the reduction of timber harvesting on Forests Service lands over the last couple of decades this lack of good jobs in the area has become even more dire.

In regards to the environmental impact of the project. There were many mistakes made in the way we extracted minerals in the 1930s and 1940s. It was a different time and unwise decision were also made in farming and logging and other industries. We have learned much from our past and most of us view the environmental impact of our daily activities much differently. This project is a rare opportunity to clean up our past with a project that can pay its own way and support the citizens of Valley County.

In summary I am pledging my full **support** towards the Stibnite Gold Project.

Regards,

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