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See attached letter of support. Thank you for your consideration.

Scott Bedke
Speaker of the House

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

July 14, 2017

Payette National Forest
ATTN: Forest Supervisor Keith Lannom
Stibnite Gold EIS
500 N. Mission St.
McCall, ID 83638

via electronic mail

Dear Mr. Lannom:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit comments on Midas Gold Idaho's Plan of Restoration and Operations as the preferred alternative during the EIS process.

Though the mine is not in my legislative district, Midas' impact will be felt statewide. Midas plans to invest roughly \$1 billion in Idaho. It is estimated that they will contribute \$86 million in state and local taxes and invest hundreds of thousands of dollars to upgrade community infrastructure like roads and power lines. The project will provide approximately 1,000 jobs at the site throughout the length of the project. It is estimated that for every 500 jobs Midas creates, another 400 will be created in the community.

Midas Gold Idaho believes in a local workforce and has promised to hire Idahoans whenever possible. The company will provide employees with training and help our state build a more skilled workforce. These jobs are not entry level positions. In fact, Midas Gold estimates salaries will be two times higher than the local average in Valley County. This can make a big difference in the life of many families.

Please help move this project forward, as it is important for the citizens of our great state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott Bedke".

Scott Bedke
Speaker of the House