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**To:** [FS-comments-intermtn-payette](#)  
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Please find attached a letter outlining my support of the Stibnite Gold EIS.

Best,  
Senator Abby Lee

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Dear Mr. Keith Lannom,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Midas Gold Idaho's Plan of Restoration and Operations. Over the last several years, I've had the opportunity to tour the Stibnite Gold Project, sit down with project staff and observe how the company has remained committed its mission as it has grown. It is with this knowledge that I encourage you to adopt the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in the Plan of Restoration and Operations as the preferred alternative during EIS scoping.

As an Idaho State Senator, I am constantly looking to help bring opportunities into rural Idaho, which I represent. One of our biggest struggles for our smaller communities is jobs. If the Stibnite Gold Project goes into production, the company would directly provide around 1,000 jobs. Moving forward, the company remains committed to hiring locally and training Idahoans to help grow our state's skilled workforce.

The company also plans to structure shifts for employees working at the site so they can be based from all across the state and not limited to the immediate area, which could be beneficial for many of my constituents who live relatively close to Valley County. Employees will spend two weeks working at the site and then be able to enjoy two weeks off with their families. This proposed schedule also reduces traffic and congestion on the roadways and shows Midas' commitment to employee safety.

The Stibnite Gold Project presents a huge opportunity for our state and has the potential to improve our economy and our way of life in our rural communities. I encourage you to move forward with the Midas Gold Idaho Plan of Restoration and Operations. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Abby Lee".

Senator Abby Lee