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SENATOR ROBERT "BOB" NONINI

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

Via electronic mail: comments-intermtn-payette@fs.fed.us

July 10, 2017

Dear Mr. Lannom,

Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho with a huge economic and environmental opportunity. I am writing to 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.

Throughout the project, Midas Gold Idaho plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and contribute \$86 million in state and local taxes. Furthermore, the company will invest hundreds of thousands of dollars to upgrade community infrastructure like roads and power lines. As the Vice-Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, these targeted investments in rural Idaho will have an incredible impact, and investments by a private company like this are incredibly rare. These private/public partnerships are what make Idaho great.

This Stibnite Gold Project is an important project for all of Idaho. Please adopt Midas' preferred alternatives and continue moving the project forward so that our citizens can reap the positive impacts.

Sincerely,

Senator Bob Nonini