From: Betcher, Steven

To: <u>FS-comments-intermtn-payette</u>
Subject: Stibnite Gold EIS Scoping Comment
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Dear Keith Lannom,

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold mining project submitted to you by Midas Gold. I am the District Manager for AmeriGas in McCall and I manage 12 employees.

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits it will bring to Idaho. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair.

The economy in Valley County has fluctuated substantially in the last few decades. Midas Gold proposes a welcomed boost to our economy that bring much needed industry to our area. In fact they have already invested millions of dollars into our local economy and also donated generously to local organizations.

Midas Gold has done their homework in researching alternatives and designating the current proposed plan as the best viable option to mine the Stibnite area.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. Again, I urge you to accept Midas Gold's carefully researched plan and approve the project as it is currently outlined.

Sincerely,

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