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Attachments: [Midas Gold Letter - Google Docs.pdf](#)

Please find attached a letter regarding Midas Gold.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you,
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Dear Keith Lannom,

Thank you for the opportunity to show my support and encourage the U.S. Forest Service to adopt the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in the Plan of Restoration and Operations as the preferred alternative during the EIS process. As a member of the Idaho State Legislature serving Northern Idaho, I fully understand the importance of Idaho's natural resources as mining has been a crucial industry to my area.

Midas Gold Idaho is proposing a great project for our economy, our citizens and our environment. The Stibnite Gold Project would help to properly restore a legacy site in Idaho's backcountry and provide a significant positive economic impact. The company plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and provide approximately 1,000 jobs over the course of the mine's life. The company has made a commitment to looking to Idaho first for talent and supplies so this would have a huge trickledown effect. As a member of the Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee every day I see the importance of state revenues which helps us pay for the necessary functions of government.

Through my conversations with the company, and from what I have learned reviewing their plan, I feel confident the Stibnite Gold Project is a great opportunity for our state. I urge you to accept Midas Gold's preferred alternatives and continue moving this project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Luke Malek", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Representative Luke Malek