

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

June 30, 2017



Dear Mr. Lannom,

As the Vice President for the Idaho Junior Steelheads and the Idaho Hockey Foundation, I have had the opportunity to see Midas Gold Idaho's involvement in the community first-hand. Four years ago, Midas became a title sponsor for our team and they've supported the growth of our athletes ever since. Through their support of our team, they've shown how committed they are to supporting the community and doing the right thing. I urge you to adopt Midas Gold Idaho's preferred alternatives outlined in their Plan of Restoration and Operations.

If Midas Gold Idaho is allowed to move forward with the Stibnite Gold Project, they will reclaim an area impacted by historical mining, create hundreds of well-paying jobs and provide a huge boost to our economy in the process. It is a win-win for Valley County.

To ensure things are done the right way, Midas Gold will set aside all the funds needed to reclaim the site before mining ever begins. Fish haven't been able to migrate past the Yellow Pine pit for 80 years. The company has a plan to restore natural fish spawning grounds and return the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River to its natural flow. The company has also invested a lot of time to determine the safest way to get to site once operations start and has proposed a route that will keep traffic away from waterways. Using Burntlog Road will reduce sediment from going into the streams and in turn help with efforts to improve water quality and fish habitat.

From working with youth in McCall for the past 8 years, and being born and raised in McCall I know firsthand how important it is to have a strong economy. When our players' parents have well-paying, secure jobs it benefits the entire family and provides more stability. From reviewing Midas Gold Idaho's Plan of Restoration and Operations, economists estimate Midas Gold Idaho will contribute \$152 million in sales and transactions in the regional economy and provide an annual payroll of \$25 million. This would be huge for McCall families. Midas has proven themselves as a great steward for the environment and a leader in the community who has supported many other community organizations as well as the McCall Jr. Steelheads.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Lyons". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "R" and "L".

Robert Lyons

Idaho Junior Steelheads Vice President
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