

July 10, 2017

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

Dear Supervisor Lannom,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments regarding Midas Gold Idaho's Plan of Restoration and Operations. As one of three members of the Idaho State Legislature representing Legislative District 28, I am pleased to offer my full support of the project.

Over the last several years, I've had the opportunity to hear a handful of presentations on the Stibnite Gold Project, sit down with project staff and observe how the company has lived out 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.

The Stibnite mine will be a major economic driver in Valley County. As a legislator and small business owner myself, I see the effect that successful projects and companies like Midas Gold Idaho can bring to small communities.

Idaho is a strong agricultural and natural resources state. It is important we continue to mine in Idaho to and keep good paying jobs in the area.

Please move forward with the Midas Gold Idaho's Plan of Restoration and Operations.

Sincerely

Jim Guthrie, Senate District 28

Idaho State Senate

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