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Attached please find my letter of support for Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project.

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Payette National Forest
ATTN: Forest Supervisor Keith Lannom – Stibnite Gold EIS

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In reading the Stibnite Gold Project Executive Summary, there are major environmental resource concerns from 100 years of mining in the Stibnite area. I am excited to see someone like Midas Gold take such an interest to restore and rehabilitant the area that brings many memories as a small child. I was born in the late 1940's. My dad had a Chevrolet dealership in Donnelly at the time and could sell any new car that he could get into Stibnite.

This project would once again economically stimulate our county, local cities and state by directly employing 400-500 with an annual payroll ranging from \$34-\$42 million dollars. Plus the estimated 1 indirect job for each direct job would also help support our local communities and businesses. I grew up in Valley County and worked in the lumber and logging industry. I ended up needing to go out of state for work. We need more than recreational based jobs/business or people selling real estate to each other. Especially as we begin to recover from the greatest recession since the Depression. These Midas Gold local jobs would provide good income that are not seasonal and would help to stimulate Valley County's economical growth.

According to the plan, Midas Gold is willing to restore a major portion of the natural resource concerns in the first few years of operation with a sustainable approach. This is a win-win from the beginning for them to financially implement the environmental restoration projects as they've proposed in their plan. There are certainly many hoops, permits, over site and monitoring that will be required of Midas Gold. The Forest Service through the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process provides the alternative(s) to address resource concerns and the means to utilize in a sustainable approach our natural resources for now and generations to come.

I strongly support Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project proposal as a win – win for Valley County, our natural resources, our citizens, communities and future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

David Coski

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