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Forest Supervisor Keith Lannom – Sitbnite Gold EIS  
Payette National Forest  
500 N. Mission St  
McCall, ID 83638

Dear Supervisor Lannom:

We are Gene and Cecilia Tyler of Donnelly, Idaho; retired U.S. Army officers with over 35 years and 27 years respectively of service to our country. Cecilia was born in Valley County and with the exception of our time away in the service of our country, she has been a lifelong resident of Donnelly. We chose the Donnelly area for our retirement years because it offers the values and western spirit we love. We both are active leaders in numerous community service organizations in the Donnelly and Valley County area. Our strongest reasons for being involved are the desire to ensure all residents have a quality of life unburdened from basic needs, to foster economic development within the community, and to enjoy the ecologically sound environment.

We owned a business in Donnelly for over three years, and now hold the loan against the new business. We live just outside the city limits and within the Donnelly impact area. We are actively involved in all aspects of life in this area. Over the past years, we have been closely following Midas Gold's initiatives to reclaim the land, mine, and then initiate the initiatives to restore the land to a high state of ecological naturalness after conducting mining operations at the Stibnite location. We believe the approval for this project is a "no-brainer" and should be approved expeditiously. Midas Gold is already conducting cleanup and restorative initiatives, and given the opportunity to mine at Stibnite Midas Gold will be in a position to continue to enhance the ecology of the area. Additionally, as they move forward with mining operations, we believe they are committed to cleanup and restoration of their work area and will be in a position to further improve previous work areas at Stibnite.

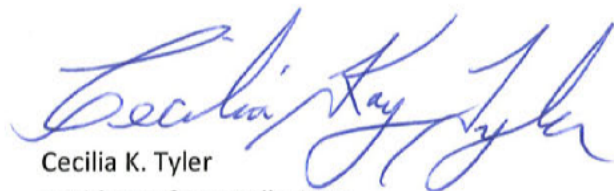
The benefits to Idaho, Valley County, and the local and extended ecology are far ranging and go well beyond the following facts. Midas Gold's investment of \$1B will result in well over 500 realistic jobs, cleaner water, reforestation, infrastructure enhancement, and a tax base/benefit that will result in additional positive benefits to our economy. Clearly, this is an opportunity that coupled with Midas' commitment to cleanup and restore is a win-win for all.

We implore you and your organization to approve and endorse this project. Virtually 100 percent of our friends, colleagues, and acquaintances support Midas Gold and their initiatives.

Respectfully,



Gene Tyler  
Resident of Donnelly Area



Cecilia K. Tyler  
Resident of Donnelly Area