

Ms. Jackson,

I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Midas Gold has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to adopt the proposed activities outlined in Alternative 2 during the permitting process.

Midas Gold Idaho believes in a local workforce and has promised to hire Idahoans whenever possible. The company will provide employees with training and help our state build a more skilled workforce. These jobs are not entry level positions and the skills are valuable in other industries outside of mining. Midas Gold estimates salaries will be two times higher than the local average in Valley County. This can make a big difference in the life of many families.

Clean up and restoration that can be done to new better standards and with accountability make this a most exciting opportunity to show the world how it can be done. This makes me proud to be an American.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and adopt Alternative two as the preferred alternative.

Best Wishes, Bill Lenhart, retired career welder and Millwright

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