

U.S.F.S.,

I want to take a moment to express our support as a company doing business in Idaho and my support personally for the mining operations of Midas Gold in the Stibniteâ€”Yellow Pine District in Valley County. We toured the site and deal with Midas Gold on an ongoing basis. They are a very good company to work with conscience about the work they are doing, with respect for the environment and community in which they operate in.

They are providing revenue for the area by employing people and purchasing products from local companies all of which is a great support for our State.

Specialty Construction Supply is a company that supplies to the Construction and Mining Industry with products for construction as well as environmental. We consider ourselves to be experts in environmental products, having knowledge of Best Management Practices and providing the products as well as services to insure safe clean remediation/exploration. Midas Gold exhibits the same concerns.

I also have a cabin in the Atlanta Idaho area situated close to the Atlanta Gold Mining Operations. I have observed what benefits mining is for an area and instead of making those areas environmental disasters, they are actually cleaning up years of bad practices exhibited when our environmental constraints were not followed. By having these operations active they better manage waste generated from decades of mining and take an active role in being the answer, not the problem.

In conclusion we welcome Midas Gold to the area and hope that they are supported by our State to be encouraged to bring jobs and much needed money to our State. We do not have enough manufacturing or commerce in this State as is and supporting the mining as we do the agriculture can only improve The State of Idaho.

The project will bring huge economic benefits to the rural communities surrounding the project site. Midas Gold will directly employ 400-500 employees during construction and operations. Payroll is expected to exceed \$34 million. These numbers do not even capture the indirect jobs I am confident nearby towns will see from the Stibnite Gold Project.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit alternative 2 so this brownfield site can finally be restored.

Most Respectfully,

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