

Greetings Ms. Jackson and Staff,

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.

Restoring the Stibnite Gold Project site will be an incredible investment. Work clearly needs to be done and fortunately, Midas Gold Idaho wants to make the investment. The company is proposing a mining project and full-scale restoration project. They have plans to reconnect fish with their natural spawning grounds, properly reprocess and safely store old tailings and solve sedimentation issues. Can you imagine the joy and feelings of accomplishment when the restoration makes it possible for our native fish to once again connect to their in-stream habitat? This company is offering to solve the environmental problems generated by mining prior to modern regulation and to develop the largest gold operation in the United States with agreed on environmental safeguards. I have followed this project closely, for what they are offering, we Idahoans, is amazing -good jobs, modern infrastructure, gold and antimony production, economic development in Valley county as well as other adjoining Idaho counties. This development comes at a crucial time in our country's history for gold is becoming scarce and with China cutting off our supply of Antimony Stibnite can easily supply about 1/3 of our Antimony needs as well as being the largest gold producer in the United States.

I am proud to be able to support this permitting for I am a native son of Idaho and love this state dearly. I am a Veterinarian, former Director of the Idaho Department of Agriculture and former Mayor of Kuna for 24 years so I know and understand economics. I just wish we had such a development in the Kuna area.

For the above reasons and many more, please move forward with alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project as it is important to all Idahoans.

Most Respectfully,

Name: Dr. Willard G Nelson