

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

If Midas Gold Idaho is allowed to move forward with the Stibnite Gold Project, they will reclaim an area impacted by historical mining, create hundreds of well-paying jobs and provide a huge boost to our economy in the process. It is a win-win for us US citizens. We need to permit the project.

Midas Gold Idaho has already made a substantial investment in this project and the local, state, national and global community and wants to invest \$1 billion in our economy, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and contribute millions of dollars in taxes. This is the type of project our country needs. As Midas Gold Idaho grows, it wants to help Idaho families grow along with it. The company has made a commitment to hire locally whenever possible. And they are going to help prepare people for these well-paying jobs by providing job training. The average salary of Midas Gold Idaho employees is anticipated to be \$80,000. Many individuals in this region have had to depend on seasonal work, having a steady paycheck could change many lives. People need these types of jobs for their own self worth and the opportunities it creates for their families as well as many small businesses.

I urge you to approve the project as outlined by Midas Gold in alternative 2. The Stibnite Gold Project will provide a huge benefit to this community and the local environment.

This is all good but the basis for my comment is that this company has developed a winning solution to an environmental problem without using our tax dollars. It will also reduce our dependence on foreign raw materials that may not be mined in such an environmentally responsible manner. I have always acted that if I would not allow it in my backyard then I do not need it that badly.

Thanks for your time,

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