

Dear Payette National Forest Staff

As a long time Idaho resident the ability for citizens to use the state lands that fall under federal control to make a living have been diminished by the lock it up crowd for to long . Many projects that are large or small have been denied the ability to pursue the natural resources of our state that were up till modern times there for our uses . Mining /logging/ ranching and farming are limited or fall under the thump of some bureaucrat.The changing of the homestead act and the mining laws that were the norm have been eliminated leaving only some vague idea of what is what is not permitted . Many modern day mining operation bring prosperity to our state and return the land to a comparable state when complete. There should be a better way to stop the waste of our lands created by erosion or environmentalist who only want to stop all progress which is funny because most of them call themselves progressives. Let Midas proceed and instead of treating them like their goal is to destroy our environment Trust but verify and punish if they digress .

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