

Payette National Forest Supervisor,

I am proud to submit my comments in support of Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. This project presents our state and county with an incredible opportunity to bring well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and use private investment to clean up a brownfield site.

Restoring the Stibnite Gold Project site will be an incredible investment. Work clearly needs to be done in the area but it should not be funded through taxpayer dollars. 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.

I grew up in Cascade, Idaho and have been living around the nation for the past ten years. In all my adventures I have never witnessed a nicer place to live other than Valley County. I am a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and I just graduated from the University of South Florida with a B.S. in Geology. As a young aspiring geologist, I feel Midas Gold would bring great value to the local community in providing jobs to residents along with helping preserve and enhance this natural paradise.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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