

To Concerned Payette National Forest Staff,

Midas Gold Idaho has been a member of our community for the past decade. During this time, the company and its employees have become wonderful champions and supporters of our community. They've volunteered their time in our schools and given generously to community causes. The company's track record of following through on its promises and doing the right thing gives us the confidence to write in support of permitting the Stibnite Gold Project.

I believe the project presents a plan to repair the environment and boost Idaho's economy - particularly under Alternative 2. Historic mining operations, development of former town site and natural processes have resulted in significant degradation of many elements of the environment. Loss of fish passage, potential water degradation from previous mining activity and excessive erosion are all of great concern to our community. The Stibnite Gold Project would finance reclamation efforts to address these problems and in turn boost Idaho's economy. It is a win-win for our community.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using the alternative two presented by Midas Gold, as expeditiously as possible. We have been a part of the Cascade community for over 12 years. We love our town and look forward to Midas Gold helping it to grow and become more environmentally sound. I have been involved in many careers, education, hospitality and medical administration. I believe Midas Gold will provide great job opportunities in addition to all of the other positive impacts they will provide.

Thanks for your Consideration,

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