



House of Representatives State of Idaho

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street
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Thank you for releasing the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. I am writing to express my support for this unique opportunity for Idaho.

As an Idaho State Representative, my promise to my constituents is to always seek out new opportunities to better their lives and secure a bright future for our state. I am confident this project will provide Idaho a critical boost to its economy while also reviving a crucial piece of our state's environment. I hope you will consider the following comments throughout the rest of your evaluation.

Midas Gold is using the Stibnite Gold Project as an opportunity to clean up damage left from past mining operations. Working closely with state, federal and local officials, Midas Gold has produced a plan that will ensure Idaho's lands and waterways are restored. Currently, both the salmon and steelhead fish populations that pass through the Stibnite mining district are blocked and cannot return to the headwaters of the Salmon River. By restoring the connection between waterways, Midas will have created a longstanding solution to fish migration in the region ensuring a lasting impact. Restoration is expensive and requires the private investment the Stibnite Gold Project brings to the table.

Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project is an offer Idaho cannot turn away. Our future economic and environmental well-being is dependent on it moving forward. I urge you to choose Alternative 2 as your preferred alternative and work to ensure this project commences as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Kevin Andrus
Idaho State Representative
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