



House of Representatives State of Idaho

August 25, 2020

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street
McCall, ID 83638

Dear Ms. Jackson,

As a native Idahoan and now a representative of the Gem State's 5th District, I am considerably invested in opportunities that will benefit our state and its future. That is why I wish to voice my support for the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho. This project has the potential to positively impact the lives of hundreds of Idahoans and be a huge boon for our state's economy.

In my journeys through District 5 and down the backroads of Idaho, I have seen firsthand the impacts of decades-old mining activity. The opportunity presented there through the plan presented by Midas Gold to clean up these legacies and bring modern mining to brownfield settings is one we cannot afford to turn away.

Midas Gold Idaho's commitment to growing our state economy is best demonstrated through their planned \$1 billion investment and subsequent contributions of millions in state and local taxes. Further, the company will directly employ 500-1,000 employees during construction and operations with a payroll expected to exceed \$34 million.

These numbers do not even capture the indirect economic impacts we will see from the project. Schools, state law enforcement and local governments would see an estimated \$300,000 in annual revenues from the property taxes alone. We cannot pass up this opportunity to grow and strengthen our communities.

I believe that a healthy business climate and a solid work ethic is what makes Idaho strong and I know the Midas Stibnite Gold Project will help make it stronger. The approach the company has taken to incorporate community feedback and identify solutions is commendable. After reviewing the draft EIS, I believe that Midas Gold Idaho has put forward a sound proposal that has been carefully researched and developed in a way that will benefit the state as a whole.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to adopt Alternative 2 presented to you by Midas Gold Idaho and considered in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Thank you for reviewing my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Caroline Troy".

Rep. Caroline Troy
State Representative (5-B)