

To Concerned Payette National Forest Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Midas Gold Idaho's Plan of Restoration and Operations. Over the last several years, We've had the opportunity to hear a handful of presentations on the Stibnite Gold Project, sit down with project staff and observe how the company has lived out its mission as it has grown. It is with this knowledge that we encourage you to permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

One of the biggest challenges facing Idaho is having a trained workforce. Midas Gold not only plans to hire hundreds of Idahoans but the company will provide employees with training to build a more skilled workforce in Idaho. We applaud Midas Gold's commitment to helping Idahoans get valuable training that may not otherwise be available. This commitment by the company will help benefit Idaho families and allow Idaho to attract new businesses in the future.

For 40 years, we have worked to start, from the ground up, a company called Legacy Farms. To date we have over 4000 acres of farmland where we grow potatoes, beans, alfalfa and wheat. We have had a large positive impact on the community of Hammett, where our farms are located. We are excited to see this happen again on a larger scale, should Midas be permitted to begin operations. We know the level of positive economic change that this will bring to many Idaho Communities.

We hope you will consider accepting Midas Gold's alternative 2 and continue moving this proposal to a reality

Most Respectfully,

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