

Dear Payette National Forest Supervisor,

I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Midas Gold has shown they are committed to Idaho and want to take care of the environment. I hope you move forward and permit this project as quickly as possible.

This project, especially alternative 2, is in line with Idaho values and our way of life. Idahoans have long understood that using the land and protecting the land can go hand-in-hand. Alternative 2 blends improving public lands with building a robust business and it is an approach I encourage. From repairing a legacy mine site to developing roads and power infrastructure, the \$1 billion investment the company would make in Idaho will benefit the entire state. For example, ground and surface water quality are currently a concern around the site. In some places on the site, arsenic and antimony levels in the water are currently 700 times higher than drinking water standards. Midas Gold can correct these problems by following Alternative 2. According to DEIS chapter 4, section 4.9, removing legacy tailings and managing water quality provides long-term reduction in metal loading in ground and surface water. These are benefits we cannot pass up.

While the economic benefits of this project cannot be ignored, it also will transform an area in need for environmental repair. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward. There are a number of good reasons to allow Midas to move forward with their plans to mine and restore the property at the same time. One of the important reasons not mentioned so far is that it will be a supply source for antimony, which is necessary for our military and commercial purposes. Since antimony is only found around Stibnite in the United States it becomes crucial for it to be mined there as it will help eliminate the current situation where we have to rely on China selling us what we need. Please allow this project to move forward. I was born and raised in Boise and my parents Homesteaded in the hills outside of Boise. I still consider myself to be an Idahoan and love Idaho and all its natural beauty. This project appears to protect and improve the environment rather than injure it.

Yours,

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