

Payette National Forest Staff,

I have reviewed the Plan of Restoration and Operations and met with members of Midas Gold in Donnelly to better understand the company's plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. Below are my comments on the plan to be included in the comment period.

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. I like the alternative 2 plan because it blends improving public lands with building a healthy and strong business. That's an approach I encourage. From repairing a brownfield mine site to developing roads and power infrastructure, the \$1 billion investment the company would make in Idaho will benefit the entire state. Idaho is growing at an incredible rate so well paying jobs and new sources of tax revenues are needed. These are benefits we cannot pass up.

My family and I split our time between Boise and Donnelly. As a father of three, I would like to see Idaho continue to develop into a place where my kids can enjoy a future in this state, and in these areas, that is environmentally friendly and economically healthy. I feel this project will help to ensure that.

I appreciate your time and thoughtfulness. For the reasons I stated in my letter above, please permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2 and let Idahoans see the benefits of this important project.

Respectfully,

Chris Byrne and Family

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