

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

As a proud member of the local Idaho community, I am writing today to voice my approval of Midas Gold's plan for the Stibnite mine. Given the current economic conditions, the opportunities brought with this plan would allow for economic growth families otherwise would be unable to benefit from.

For Midas Gold's Stibnite mine project, there will be nearly 1,000 jobs that will be needed to ensure the operation is fully functional. This means 1,000 job opportunities for men and women across central Idaho. This is because Midas has made a commitment to prioritize those seeking employment locally before going outside of the state of Idaho to fill these jobs. Not only are these jobs brand new, they are also high paying, which will provide and keep food on the dinner table for thousands of families. These jobs do not include the hundreds more that will be needed for the following phases of their operation.

With thousands of new jobs that will provide transferrable skills to our community members, there will also be an influx in local taxes to benefit our education, public safety, and infrastructure projects. Employee income taxes, Midas Gold's payroll tax, and the additional revenue injected into local small businesses will help Idaho be an attractive place to live and raise a family.

Additionally, Midas Gold has committed to ensuring that any services required throughout the lifetime of their time at Stibnite mine will be offered to local businesses in the central Idaho region. No supplies or services that could be provided by in-state companies will be outsourced, meaning greater business generated for small business owners and their families. Midas Gold has proven themselves a true partner in the community, regardless of the additional expenses they may incur.

Midas Gold has proven themselves a worthy partner in our community. I ask that you please accept Alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho in their Plan of Restoration and Operations.

Thank you,

Devin Kester
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