

Dear Payette National Forest Supervisor,

This letter is to express my support of Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project. America needs this project to be permitted. I hope after reading my thoughts you will understand why my support for Midas Gold Idaho is so strong.

The study of the Stibnite Gold Project brought to light the environmental conditions existing at Stibnite because of past operators. Arsenic levels in the EFSFSR are far beyond safe standards. If Alternative 5 is selected, how will USFS address these legacies impacting the waters of Idaho? Who will pay to provide permanent and volitional fish passage?

The Stibnite Gold Project will be a major producer of gold and antimony. Today, we import almost all of our antimony from China. The U.S. government recently named antimony to its list of critical minerals because of its importance in the national defense and aerospace industries. The Stibnite Gold Project would be the only source of primary antimony production in the country.

Also, Midas Gold Idaho has proactively engaged community members and consistently sought local feedback. Some suggestions from locals are reflected in the plan " including the proposed road to site to keep traffic and potential pollutants away from waterways. In my mind, actions speak louder than words and Midas Gold has proven they will be a good partner moving forward.

I urge you to approve the project as outlined by Midas Gold in alternative 2. The Stibnite Gold Project will provide a huge benefit to our community and the local environment.

Best Wishes,

Name: Ray Arnold