

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

Thank you for the opportunity to write to you regarding the Stibnite Gold Project.

Midas Gold prioritizes working alongside Idahoans. The company has shown a clear interest in understanding and remedying concerns around the project since they got here over a decade ago. They have taken the time to work with the community to develop solutions that work for everyone. For example, the company created the Stibnite Advisory Council so that they could work closely with residents of the surrounding communities. They also extended their collaborative outlook toward other groups like recreationalists to figure out how to preserve access to certain roads in the backcountry. The company didn't need to do this but they did because they knew it was the right thing to do. Through their partnership with stakeholders at all levels, they have come up with a plan that will not only help Idaho's economy but help restore a legacy site and their plan has considerable community support.

Additionally, after an analysis of the project, it is estimated that for every job created by the Stibnite Gold Project, another indirect job would be created in the community. This trickledown effect will have a positive impact for working Idahoans and the economy.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. I encourage you to permit Alternative 2 outlined in the draft Environmental Impact Statement – and the preferred alternative of Midas Gold Idaho – so this brownfield site can finally be restored and contribute to our state once again.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronde Pollock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.