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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest  
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor  
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Linda Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project. When the last mining companies departed the Stibnite mining district, they left the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon with a damaged ecosystem and an uncertain future. Midas Gold's proposal represents an opportunity to rewrite that legacy while adding much needed economic revenue into Idaho's rural communities.

Valley County is in dire need of good jobs. Midas Gold's commitment to hiring locally would make them one of the largest employers in the county and ensure the economic benefits of their operations will be felt by the families that need them the most. 500 direct jobs during operations with millions in wages circulating in these communities is a great opportunity.

The best news, those economic benefits will not come with further degradation to the environment. In their modified proposal submitted to the Forest Service in 2019 Midas Gold made a conscious effort to further limit their work to previously affected sites. They also upgraded plans for structures and facilities to exceed regulatory safety requirements and best practices. Midas Gold is focused on minimizing their own environmental impact while making commitments to reclaim and restore surrounding areas from mining activity they had no part in.

Midas Gold has earned my trust, and I ask that you approve Alternative 2 examined in your draft Environmental Impact Statement so that residents of Valley County and Idahoans as a whole can begin to profit from a safer and more responsible mining industry.

Thanks,



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