

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

I want to share my strong support for Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project.

The Stibnite Gold project has the potential to dramatically strengthen Idaho's economy. It would employ 500 Idahoans, many of them Valley County locals, in jobs that pay far above the average regional salary. It would also create more than \$200 million in state and local taxes, which could be used to improve roads and schools. The twenty-year timespan of the project means that multiple generations of Idahoans would benefit, either directly or indirectly, from Midas Gold's work. As a small business owner, I appreciate the work, investment and commitment to Idaho the company is putting forward regarding the project.

Any risk of temporary environmental harm from the project is more than offset by Midas Gold's commitment to actively improving the health of Stibnite's nature through all stages of operations. Midas Gold intends to collect and process more than 10 million tons of tailings left behind from previous mining to end ongoing pollution. It will also repair diverted waterways to allow salmon to access their native spawning grounds for the first time in more than fifty years. By the time the project concludes, the worksite and its surrounding area will be fully restored to their natural condition.

I ask that you move forward with the Stibnite project and think alternative two is the best options for all Idahoans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Murphy Olmstead". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Murphy" being more prominent than the last name "Olmstead".

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