

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

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits it will bring to Idaho. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state, and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry that is desperately in need of repair.

First, I want to thank the U.S. Forest Service for the time and effort to make this document and all accompanying resources on the Stibnite Gold Project available online. I also feel 60 days is plenty of time to review the document given the information out there and efforts by the company to educate Idahoans on the need for this project for the last decade.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 500 full time jobs to rural Idaho and contribute millions of dollars in taxes. This is the type of project our state needs, especially now. As Midas Gold Idaho grows, it wants to help Idaho families grow along with it. The company has made a commitment to hire locally whenever possible. And they are going to help prepare Idahoans for these well-paying jobs by providing job training. The average salary of Midas Gold Idaho employees is anticipated to be \$80,000. Many individuals in this region have had to depend on seasonal work, and now having a steady paycheck could change many lives.

Through commitments to hire locally and continuing to provide skills training, Midas Gold Idaho will help our state build a more capable workforce. These jobs are not entry-level positions and the skills are valuable in other industries outside of mining. Midas Gold estimates salaries will be two times higher than the local average in Valley County. This can make a big difference in the life of many families.

Thank you for the thorough review of the Stibnite Gold Project. I urge you to now move forward in approving Alternative 2. After reading the draft environmental impact statement, I understand this project will move this project into operations the fastest, and the economic benefits are not something we can pass on.

It is important for the U.S. Forest Service to permit the Stibnite Gold Project so Midas Gold Idaho can put our communities back to work.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Hasbrouck". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.