

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
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I am reaching out to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho. I believe that this project is a great opportunity for our environment and for our state's economy.

First, I would like to thank the U.S. Forest Service for your extraordinary effort to make these document available virtually. Idaho and our country's environment would not be as splendid without your service.

It is clear from reading the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that Midas Gold Idaho wants to help the agency fulfill their mission of sustainability and is committed to cleaning up the land for future generations. The Stibnite Gold Project includes numerous restoration efforts that would be paid for by the company's substantial private investment. As of now, there are mining materials left over from previous mining endeavors before the government created regulations that are hurting the ecosystem. Midas Gold Idaho's project would fix this issue and allow our region's ecosystem to thrive. For example, Alternative 2 in the DEIS states that metalloading into ground and surface would be reduced as a result of plans by the company to remove legacy tailings and waste.

Along with improving our environment, this project would help stimulate our region's economy. The coronavirus pandemic has taken a major toll on our country and the Stibnite Region. Many Idahoans have been laid off and have had to apply for unemployment insurance. This project would provide hope and be the catalyst to get our region back to normal again. Midas Gold Idaho would need to hire over 500 employees for normal operations and provide their workers with high paying wages. This would allow Idahoans to feel financially secure again and have disposable income to cycle back into the community's small businesses. Another benefit is that this project would bring in \$300,000 annually into our local economy through property taxes. That money would go towards our schools, local infrastructure and government. The Stibnite Gold Project would uplift our community and give everyone the optimism they deserve.

I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to accept Alternative 2 that was proposed by Midas Gold Idaho and examined in the DEIS. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Jackson".