

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

Dear Ms. Linda Jackson,

I want to express my support for Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project.

Mining was once a source of prosperity for our communities, but since the industry left in the 1990s we have seen a steady decline in jobs and wealth. Now, with a recession looming, it is crucial that we take every opportunity to create economic security. I am confident that Midas Gold's proposal will help accomplish that.

No one who opposes the Stibnite Gold Project has an alternative plan to create a similar quantity of quality jobs. After investing 1.1 billion dollars to construct their site, Midas Gold will employ 500 people and generate \$150 million in state and local taxes over the life of the project. That money will change the lives of future generations of Idahoans.

None of these benefits will come at the cost of ruining our environment. Midas Gold is required to set aside money for the restoration of the site before beginning operations. Rather than just do the bare minimum, they have made extensive community partnerships and hired a range of experts to help design and implement their plans in a safe and healthy way.

The mining industry creates jobs, supports local businesses, and keeps communities together. I believe that Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project is exactly what Valley County needs, and I ask that you please approve Alternative 2 in their Plan of Restoration and Operations.

Thank you for considering my letter.

Grace Huchaby