

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


Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the U.S. Forest Service's permitting process. This is an important project for Valley County and will have a significant impact on the community. As someone who cares about this region of Idaho's backcountry, I want to make sure the Stibnite Gold Project is done the right way. That is why you should adopt Alternative 2.

Midas Gold Idaho is proposing a great project for our economy, our citizens and our environment. The Stibnite Gold Project would help to properly restore a brownfield site in Idaho's backcountry and provide a significant positive economic impact. In fact, if the project goes into production the company plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and provide hundreds of jobs over the course of the mine's life. The company has promised to look to Idaho first for talent and supplies so this will have a huge trickle down effect. The salaries of the positions at Midas Gold Idaho will be two times higher than typical jobs in Valley County.

The financial security these positions could bring to families could be life changing. I also appreciate that Midas Gold Idaho plans to have employees be on a two weeks on, two weeks off schedule. This allows Idahoans who live outside of Valley County, or who would not want to relocate to the area, the same opportunity to apply for these positions. It will also increase safety and reduce the overall environmental footprint of company operations.

Thank you for your consideration and taking the time to read my commentary. This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to adopt Alternative 2 as outlined by Midas Gold Idaho so this brownfield site can finally be restored.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Samuel Hudak". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.