

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

I am writing to you today to express my views on the Midas Gold Idaho proposed Stibnite Gold Project. I, and many fellow Idahoans, are in total support of the Stibnite Gold Project. Our community will receive many benefits from this investment. Our region's ecosystem and economy will improve without the use of our taxpayer dollars. As someone who has lived in Idaho my whole life, I know our community would profit from this project and improve the well-being of our citizens.

Not only will our people benefit from the Stibnite Gold Project, but also our environment will. Integral to the project design is to restore the Stibnite region's ecosystem. The clean-up will include repairing environmental problems that occurred during previous miner endeavors over the past 100 years, before there were regulations. Environmental restorations are very expensive and our local government might not be able to afford it. However, luckily Midas Gold Idaho plans to pay for all costs through private investment. This project will enable our wildlife to thrive in without costing our region a dime.

According the draft EIS their solutions will help the environment. Chapter 4. Section 12-39 says long-term access to blocked habitat would result in increased genetic diversity of isolated populations and productivity. That is a win we would not have without Midas Gold Idaho's help to repair the waterway and provide a state of the art fish tunnel during operations.

The Stibnite Gold Project will also provide a tremendous boost to our local economy. By investing in our region, Midas Gold Idaho will need to hire hundreds of employees and compensate their workers with high-paid wages. This will immediately help families pay bills with more ease and improve the welfare of our citizens. Along with providing jobs, this project would add \$300,000 annually from property taxes that would be used to improve our schools, local government, law enforcement and the region's infrastructure.

I highly recommend the U.S. Forest Service to adopt Alternative 2 that was presented by Midas Gold Idaho in their modified plan of restoration and operations (the Mod PRO). Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Will Huckaby