

September 15, 2020

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

Dear Linda,

I am writing to convey my support for the Stibnite Gold Project in Valley County. Annually I spend several weekends in Valley County and have been monitoring the activity with the project. Overall I have been very impressed with the company and the project.

The project will help strengthen our national security and defense system through access to critical minerals here on U.S. soil. Midas Gold is looking to introduce a new season of mining that will give the U.S. access to minerals which we have previously relied on other countries for.

The largest antimony deposit in the U.S. is housed in the Stibnite Mining District. Historically, this district once provided 90% of the nation's source of the product and helped the U.S. make it through WWII and the Korean War. After Japan's invasion of China cut supplies, production at Stibnite was shelved and deemed critical toward the war effort. Since then, the U.S. has had to rely on China for the resource but after tough tariffs, we must reconsider lifting this financial burden of our nation and consider the national security implications associated with mining right here in the U.S.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my comment on a plan that has the opportunity to benefit the lives of so many. Please adopt Alternative 2 and allow U.S.-produced antimony to strengthen our national security and contribute to an innovate technological future.

Sincerely,



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