

To Concerned Payette National Forest Staff,

It is with great pleasure that I write to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in the Plan of Restoration and Operations during this public input process.

Mining is crucial to both Idaho's future and America's. No economy can be sustained that is not tied to producing real goods and minerals are the basis of many manufactured products. Mining technology has come a long way and I am confident that this project will be developed and the mine operated in a safe manner.

Thank you for reviewing my comments. Again, I urge you to permit Midas Gold's carefully thought out plan as outlined under alternative 2.

Respectfully,

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