

Dear Ms. Linda Jackson,

I am writing to express my views on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. The opportunity presented by the Stibnite Gold Project is compelling for many reasons, and it is a project I sincerely hope comes to fruition.

There are many checks and balances in place to ensure Midas Gold Idaho follows through on its promises to restore the site. In fact, the company is required by law to set aside all of the money it needs for restoration before mining can begin. However, I am not concerned about Midas Gold Idaho staying true to its word, because the company has already started restoration work at the site. They have (1) planted more than 60,000 trees to help reduce the amount of sediment going into the river, (2) installed solar energy panels at site to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and (3) improved miles of road along the river to protect fish habitat.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion and bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project Idaho needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move forward with Midas Gold's application to develop the Stibnite Gold Project.

Most Respectfully,

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