

Dear Ms. Linda Jackson,

As a part of the Cascade community and the owner of a couple of tourist businesses, we have been interested in what Midas Gold has to offer.

After watching them for the last three years, we feel they can be trusted with the Stibnite Mine site.

We are in support of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

As U.S. Citizens, we were impressed that the antimony deposits found at the site can help US Defense department and technology.

It would please us to become independent of China's supply. As we understand it, "the Stibnite Mining District is home to the largest known antimony deposit in the United States" as their website states.

Being in the "tourist" business with a hotel and RV park in Cascade it is important that Idaho's backcountry stay accessible.

They have promised to provide parking for snowmobiling/ skiing/ winter sports.

The very idea of a "gold mine" outside of Cascade will bring visitors who will improve our economy.

We appreciate the Plan of Restoration and Operations (PRO) that Midas Gold has created.

Economics in Cascade have been very slow since we lost our Boise-Cascade Lumber Mill in 2001. In their PRO, Chap 2 they state "Midas Gold will support training opportunities for Idahoans throughout the life of its project by working directly with schools, community colleges and the Idaho Department of Labor". In addition to this, they will try to buy local, which will also strengthen our economy. Our next generation, kids and grandchildren will have the opportunity of a high paying job while being able to stay in Cascade. That makes a stronger family which creates a stronger Idaho.

At the time of writing this message to you, we have fires surrounding us and heavy smoke making us think of the destruction of our beautiful forests that we love. Having been to the Stibnite site, we know that there is still beauty there but also many scars. It is not a pristine forest like we would have imagined. We look forward to the restoration.

A working gold and antimony mine will improve our government's independence from China, build Cascade's economy, create new careers and jobs while presenting our next generation the education they need to succeed.

We are excited about the future,

Katrin Thompson

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