

DEAR MS JACKSON,

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 Alternative 2 during this public input process.

The Stibnite Gold Project is good for the Idaho workforce. Midas Gold's strong commitment to hiring locally and using local vendors and suppliers helps build our economic base. The salaries of the positions at the Stibnite Gold Project will be approximately two times higher than typical jobs in Valley County. The financial security and on-the-job training opportunities these positions bring has the potential to bring meaningful change to families throughout the region. Additionally, we know mining brings more than jobs and robust wages to our state, it promotes the development of secondary businesses and the production of more goods and materials right here in Idaho.

I have been following this project since 2016 and I must say I am very Impressed with MIDAS GOLD'S APPROACH to making sure this project is successful and beneficial to all parties involved. We all know the economic benefits for the state of Idaho which will be a real help to the Idaho economy but more importantly the huge cleanup process to the acreage that has been rotting away for many years from the past mining that was needed for WW I and WW II. The cleanup process was never done and Midas is putting in the investment to cleanup the environment and bringing back the fishing passages that were ruined. They are also putting the plan to do the the proper needed cleanup when the mining is completed.

I also would like this project to be approved for the RARE EARTH MINERALS needed for our military and U.S. GOV. increasing their independence from other foreign countries. The ANTIMONY that can be mined is the largest know deposit in the U.S. and is vital to our countries success.

This project has been going on for 7-8 years so NO ONE CAN SAY IT IS BEING PUSHED THRU IN A FAST PROCESS. Midas has followed the regulatory process completely and has added to help improve the environmental problems and has shown full support to the local communities during this process.

I must add that I do not understand the oppositions stance against this project , the acreage that has been deemed an environmental disaster was not create by Midas gold is going to cleanup the mess at their own expense. If Midas gold does not come in and clean this up then who will. The area will only fester and get worse, then who will clean it up? The state of Idaho, U.S. GOV. or local organizations. No one has stepped up to clean this up thru all these years so I would like someone to send me some viable information on their stance against this project because up to this point I haven't seen a viable stance but I do understand that their could be information that I am not privy to. If you can forward any of this viable info it would be greatly appreciated. I do not trust info on message boards.

I appreciate your time and thoughtfulness. For the reasons I stated in my letter above, please permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2 and let Idahoans see the benefits of this important project.

Regards,

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