

Payette National Forest Supervisor,

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of the National Environmental Policy Act.

The Stibnite Gold Project will bring huge economic benefits to Idaho, particularly in Valley County. Midas Gold will directly employ 400-500 employees during construction and operations. Payroll is expected to exceed \$34 million. These numbers do not even capture the indirect jobs. Some third-party estimates show one indirect job will be created every time Midas Gold hires an employee. The project has the potential to have a positive, widespread impact on the state.

This Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. Please permit alternative 2 and continue moving the project forward so our citizens can reap the positive impacts.

My best,

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