

Dear Payette National Forest Supervisor,

I have met with members of Midas Gold Idaho several times to discuss their plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. I have been very impressed with each of my interactions with the approach that Midas Gold Idaho taken in their activities thus far. They place a high priority on safety, the environment, public involvement, being fair, and doing things the right way. It's obvious that these values permeate throughout the entire company.

In my review of the proposed actions, I support the Forest Service approving and permitting Alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project. Significant effort has gone into researching and developing the best alternatives for the application and the EIS. Midas Gold Idaho has proactively engaged members of our community and consistently sought our feedback. After many discussions with local residents, Midas Gold Idaho identified an access route that would keep keep traffic and potential pollutants away from our waterways. This speaks volumes about the commitment they have to clean up the historic Stibnite site and to protect Idaho waterways.

I appreciate all the time and effort that the Forest Service has spent to thoroughly review the proposed Stibnite Gold Project, but it is now time to move forward with Alternative 2. This project will be of great benefit to the State of Idaho and many communities in Valley County.

Thank you!

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