

September 22, 2020

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street
McCall, ID 83638

Dear Linda,

Growing up in the west and living in Idaho for the past 11 years, I have come to greatly appreciate Idaho for all of its outdoor beauty. Most of my weekends and vacations are spent outside hiking and backpacking through our pristine mountains. The state and federal government need to continue to make our environment a top priority and that is why I am reaching out today.

Protecting and preserving Idaho's public lands is a high priority to me and I am well aware of the legacy mining issues left in Stibnite. I have been following the Midas Gold Idaho project and think this is the only way for restoration to happen at the site. This project will rehabilitate the Stibnite mining area via private investment and is an extremely valuable opportunity for Idaho. After review of the U.S. Forest Service's draft Environmental Impact Statement, I encourage the project's approval and hope to see this process move along in a timely and efficient manner.

I believe that Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Project will benefit our public lands and environment, which is why I urge the U.S. Forest Service to adopt Alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,



Jon Larkin
Ada County, Idaho