

September 17, 2020

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

Dear Linda Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my support of the plan of restoration and operations submitted to the U.S. Forest Service by Midas Gold Idaho. This is a project that is important to me for a variety of reasons. Living in Idaho, I utilize every opportunity I can to get outside and enjoy its beauty via camping, hiking, backpacking and mountain biking. I have reviewed the Midas Gold plan and appreciate their willingness to fix legacy issues in Idaho's backwoods while using private funding to pay for it.

Just as important as the environmental impact of the project is the economic impact. I am a heavy equipment operator and safety supervisor. Projects like the stibnite gold project are exactly what I am looking for. The opportunity to continue doing what I am doing while staying in Idaho and not having to travel out of state would mean the world to me.

From the beginning, Midas Gold Idaho has positioned themselves as partner to our local economy. Through the life of their project, Midas Gold has committed to hiring, contracting, and purchasing supplies and services locally whenever possible. That commitment is evident given that Midas Gold has spent over \$69 million in Idaho already by prioritizing local vendors and contractors.

As you can see, Midas Gold has truly become a community partner and I have no doubt that their operations are going to be successful and in the best interest of all Idahoans. Please approve any required permits and adopt Alternative 2 of Midas Gold Idaho's Plan of Restoration and Operations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chantal Schefers', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chantal Schefers
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