

Dear US National Forest Service Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of Midas Gold Idaho's public permitting process.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and contribute millions of dollars in taxes. This is the type of project our state needs. As Midas Gold Idaho grows, it wants to help Idaho families grow along with it. The company has made a commitment to hire locally whenever possible. And they are going to help prepare Idahoans for these well-paying jobs by providing job training. The average salary of Midas Gold Idaho employees is anticipated to be \$80,000. Many individuals in this region have had to depend on seasonal work, having a steady paycheck could change many lives.

It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to select Alternative 2 Midas Gold Idaho presented and permit the project.

My best,

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