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

Midas Gold Idaho has provided a proposal for the Stibnite mine that will bring incredible economic opportunity to Idaho. I am proud to write to you today as a staunch supporter of Midas Gold's most recent proposal.

For central Idaho, Midas Gold's plans will be a much-needed boost to our local economy. In its early stages, Midas Gold will require almost 1,000 employees to begin work at Stibnite mine. These jobs will go first to men and women in Idaho who are looking for employment. Midas Gold has guaranteed they will not look out of state for any jobs that would be able to be filled by our community members. Not only are these jobs stable and provide transferrable skills, they are also high paying – which will ensure thousands in Idaho will be able to go to bed with a full stomach.

Following the initial period of work at Stibnite mine, Midas Gold will then have hundreds of other positions open up that again will give priority to Idaho applicants. With thousands of jobs throughout the lifetime of Midas Gold's plans, the amount of tax revenue that will be generated will allow for improved education, infrastructure, and public safety in central Idaho.

Not only will Midas Gold be directly paying hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes each year to our community, they are also hoping to become a true partner in our community. Midas Gold has made a commitment that any servicers/services they need will be fulfilled by local businesses in Idaho. That means small businesses and independent contractors will be the first to benefit from the additional needs Midas Gold will have before out of state or international offers are even considered.

Based on their commitment to putting our community above their investors, I would like to ask that you accept Alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho in their Plan of Restoration and Operations.

Thank you,

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