

Dear US National Forest Service Staff,

As a former geologist, mine engineer and mine superintendent in the US and Canada I am in full support of the Stibnite project for jobs but also to help clean up former mining activities that were blindly funded by the US government during WWII and Korean war efforts to provide the mineral needs to win these wars. Mining is only a response to the need of our livelihoods. We can mine safely and ecologically sensitive that our world can't get from our global efforts with now regulatory practices in place. The Midas Gold project I know will be a model for mining efficiency and stewardship, and I'll be the first to hold accountable with my background. This project must go thru and has support from those of us experienced in mining, safety, reclamation and community development. There are very creative ways to work royalty tax efforts back into the communities that employees live. We built amazing infrastructure in MN on the iron range in my tenure and many years before me for world class living community and reinvestment.

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits it will bring to Idaho. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair.

Midas Gold Idaho has prioritized public access to Idaho's backcountry. While the company feels Stibnite Road is too dangerous to safely transport employees and equipment to the site, they recognized how important this route was for residents who live in the area. The ModPRO they submitted to the U.S. Forest Service allows Idahoans to continue to access Thunder Mountain by driving through the site when it is safe and feasible. Review alternative 2 and you can see Midas Gold wants Idahoans to continue to have easy access to our public lands.

I appreciate your time and thoughtfulness. For the reasons I stated in my letter above, please permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2 and let Idahoans see the benefits of this important project.

Thank You,

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