

Payette National Forest,

This letter is to express my support of Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project. America needs this project to be permitted. I hope after reading my thoughts you will understand why my support for Midas Gold Idaho is so strong.

Access to public lands is a right extended to all Idahoans. This is something Midas Gold understands and has prioritized in their Plan of Restoration and Operations. While some of the Stibnite Gold Project will take place on public lands, Midas Gold has made a commitment to the community to ensure access is preserved to people's favorite places. The company has promised to provide parking for winter recreationalists at their maintenance facility and submitted an additional plan to the U.S. Forest Service to allow Idahoans to continue to use Stibnite Road throughout the life of the project when it is safe. Their willingness to work with recreationalists to provide access gives me great hope for the future.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than hundreds of jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, following alternative 2.

Thanks for your Consideration,

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