

September 28, 2020

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

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I write today to voice my strong support for the modified Plan of Restoration and Operation (ModPRO) that Midas Gold Idaho submitted to the U.S Forest Service and is under consideration in your draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

As a Canyon County native who moved away from Idaho for college, I appreciate Midas' commitment to hiring local talent. It is imperative that Idaho kids have opportunities to return to work at home and be afforded the ability to live and make a good wage here in Idaho.

During these difficult times, our nation faces an unprecedented threat caused by Covid-19. Unemployment has skyrocketed, and shutdowns have cost our economy dearly. Approval of the ModPRO will allow Midas Gold to begin the Stibnite Gold Project, which will create hundreds of jobs during the construction and mining phases of operation.

According to official estimates, the Stibnite Gold Project will generate tens of millions of dollars in commerce, supporting small business and bolstering the local economy.

I look forward to the comprehensive environmental restoration the company has planned and that the draft Environmental Impact Statement largely found would help fish and waterways. I strongly encourage you to support Alternative 2 as presented by Midas Gold.

Thank you,



Niko Lostra
Ada County, Idaho