

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

Midas Gold Idaho has been a member of our community for the past decade. During this time, the company and its employees have become wonderful champions and supporters of our community. They've volunteered their time in our schools and given generously to community causes. The company's track record of following through on its promises and doing the right thing gives us the confidence to write in support of permitting the Stibnite Gold Project.

The site is rich in gold deposits but it also has antimony, which was recently deemed a critical by the federal government. Antimony is used as a fire retardant and metal strengthener. It is used in everything from batteries, textiles, cell phones, plastics and cable sheathing. Right now, the U.S. doesn't have a domestic antimony mine. The Stibnite Gold Project could provide one-quarter of the American demand for antimony in the country. This is so important with the current tenuous trade relations in our country.

I urge you to accept Midas Gold's plan as outlined under alternative two. The U.S. Forest Service has provided the public with helpful virtual tools and materials to submit meaningful comments on the project within the allotted timeframe. It is time to move this project forward.

As a resident of Cascade and seeing the economic needs of this community which Midas can alleviate some of these problems, environmentally they should have the opportunity to help alleviate many of the problems left behind, i.e. mine tailing, aquatic and road issues. I understand this is a long term effort but without their assistance, it will take this area generations to recover to it's natural state. They have proven to be a good neighbor and I think have been very transparent in identifying foreseen problems and putting forth mitigation measures.

Thanks Again,

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