

Dear US National Forest Service Staff,

I am writing in support of Midas Gold and their Stibnite Gold project.

During the past year, I have had the privilege of collaborating with the Midas Gold team in the capacity of their Employee Benefits account manager. As a service vendor, I have appreciated our partnership with the Midas Gold staff in addition to the information I have learned about the Stibnite project through the course of my interactions with the company. I sincerely believe that Midas Gold is the right operation to undertake this massive project, and that the team in place has the ability to achieve the win-win outcomes described.

Promises and outcomes are only as good as the quality of the leaders, individuals and team backing them and being able to deliver. All too often, land redevelopment projects like Hunter's Point in San Francisco that involve toxic clean up, restoration, and land stewardship have proved deceptive and disastrous.

My professional services relationship to Midas Gold has provided the opportunity to interact with company leadership as well as individual employees. One common characteristic that I have observed is the high level of integrity that the Midas Gold staff demonstrate. Honesty, transparency, collaboration, and sound judgement are some of the predominant traits I have seen in my interactions. I have confidence in Midas Gold that they will approach this project with commitment to conscientious land stewardship and moral obligation to do right. The consistent, thoughtful, and above-board actions of Midas Gold during the past four years up to this point factor into my confidence level. The Idahoans who are currently employed by Midas Gold, as well as those who would potentially be employed in the future, cherish our important Idaho forests. I believe they would be good stewards of the land during the course of this project.

I support the decision to move forward with alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

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