

Dear Payette National Forest Supervisor,

It is with great pleasure that I write to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in Alternative 2 during this public input process. I am in favor of this type of project and its benefits to both the local environment and economy and to the benefits to our country in providing excellent jobs to our population who seen too much of our jobs disappearing! The corrections to the environment alone make this a postive project.

I just completed a visit to the UP of Michigan. There is no economy as the mines are shut down and even lumbering is just hanging on. The population is elderly as the young move away to find work to support their families. Why do we want another country to provide jobs and mine when we have the capability to DIY and have the gains part of our country? Seeing homes and business sit and rot is not the way to keep our country a leader.

Alternative 2 is the result of many years of study by Midas Gold. The company developed this alternative after submitting their original plans and working with stakeholders, community members and environmental groups to try to determine how it could be improved. The result was a smaller project footprint, reconnecting salmon to their native spawning grounds before mining ever begins and improved water quality. Two of the alternatives, 3 and 4, would delay the project by several years and withhold its benefits from Idahoans unnecessarily. Those same alternatives could also become so expensive it could make the project cost prohibitive. With everything happening in the world, I feel strongly that we need to Stibnite Gold Project to move forward now. It would bring 500 well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, invest a billion in Idaho and help improve community infrastructure.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in the 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. The U.S. Forest Service has provided Idahoans with meaningful tools to easily review the document and ample time to comment. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project following alternative two.

Best regards,

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