

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

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits that it will bring to Idaho. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair.

The Stibnite Gold Project is good for the Idaho workforce. Midas Gold's strong commitment to hiring locally and using local vendors and suppliers helps build our economic base. The salaries of the positions at the Stibnite Gold Project will be approximately two times higher than typical jobs in Valley County. The financial security and on-the-job training opportunities these positions bring has the potential to bring meaningful change to families throughout the region. Additionally, we know mining brings more than jobs and robust wages to our state; it promotes the development of secondary businesses and the production of more goods and materials right here in Idaho.

In addition, the Stibnite Gold Project will help to restore the environment in our region. Midas Gold has prioritized restoration work so many of the efforts occur early in the project. The company is also required to set aside all of the funds needed to properly restore the site in a special trust so the land will be restored no matter what happens to the company.

Plus, reclamation efforts have already started at the site. Midas Gold has planted thousands of trees and worked to reduce sediment-entering waterways near the site. To me, these actions prove the company is truly committed to restoring the site.

This project is a good thing for Idaho, helps decrease America's dependence on foreign countries for critical minerals and cleans up the environment. After reading my letter, I hope you can see why you should approve Alternative 2 outlined by Midas Gold Idaho.

Sincerely,

