September 29, 2020

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

Dear Linda,

As a local rancher in Owyhee County, Idaho the natural resources industry is extremely important to me. I have had the opportunity to watch the Midas Gold Idaho project and interact with members of its team. Overall I am very impressed with the plan of restoration and operations, specifically alternative two and ask that you move it forward.

Midas has an important plan to become a steward of environmental restoration. As rancher, I understand the value of protecting our state's environment. The project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho will take an area damaged by past mining activity and invest the private capital needed to make that beautiful area healthy once again.

Again, I urge the U.S. Forest Service to adopt alternative 2 laid out by Midas Gold in their proposal. I am confident that Midas Gold will continue to be a community partner and will have a major impact on the local economy and the state of Idaho. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wade Hyer
Owyhee County