



House of Representatives State of Idaho

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

Dear Ms. Jackson,

As a native Idahoan, and the representative of Idaho's 6th District, I am passionate about what the future holds for Idaho and my constituents. The Stibnite Gold Project, proposed by Midas Gold Idaho, has the potential to positively impact the lives of hundreds of Idahoans and ensure major growth for our state's economy. After careful review and consideration of the U.S. Forest Service's draft Environmental Impact Statement I would like to express my support for this project and encourage its completion.

As the Vice Chair of the Idaho state House Local Government Committee, it is important for to me to back opportunities for growth in our local communities. The Stibnite Gold Project will have longstanding, positive impacts on local economies resulting from job creation and additional tax revenues. The estimated economic impacts for local communities is up to \$18 million per year during construction, more than \$18 million per year during operations and more than \$3 million per year during reclamation. During the 20 year duration of the project (construction, operations, and closure) the project is estimated to generate more than \$150 million in state and local tax revenues. These revenue increases will positively impact our local communities including schools and emergency services. Midas is committed to hiring local and supporting training opportunities for Idahoans. These economic opportunities for our state and local governments are why it is so important that Midas is allowed to proceed.

Midas Gold is about Idaho and committed to investing in Idaho's future, our people, and our businesses. The Stibnite Gold Project is a long-term economic investment our state cannot afford to pass over. Not only is this an economic benefit to our state, it also prioritizes the people of Idaho.

After careful consideration, I urge the U.S. Forest Service to adopt Alternative 2 as the preferred alternative and move this project forward as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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Mike Kingsley
Legislative District 6, Seat B
Idaho House of Representatives