



House of Representatives State of Idaho

October 9, 2020

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 newly elected member of the Idaho House of Representatives serving Legislative District 6 it is a pleasure to serve my constituents and work to provide them with the economic opportunities they deserve.

I believe Midas Gold Idaho's Gold Stibnite Project is an opportunity to clean up environmental degradation left behind from previous mining activity and give our economy the boost it needs. Previous mining activity occurred prior to the passage of restoration and reclamation laws. Idaho's lands were left in turmoil with empty lots, blocked fish passages and accelerated erosion. Midas Gold has promised to return these lands and waterways to a healthy state. They will unblock fish passages and focus on spawning habitats to guarantee a lasting effect on fish population. Idaho will be receiving a much-needed makeover to its environment, all while enhancing our economy.

The Stibnite Gold Project is not only a \$1 billion dollar investment in Idaho, but it will help Idaho build a more qualified workforce. Midas Gold has committed to hiring locally throughout the project's duration and Midas Gold is prepared to provide the necessary job training to fill these positions. These are also family jobs that our communities are in desperate need of.

Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project is a chance for Idaho to enhance itself environmentally and economically. I would like to urge the U.S. Forest Service to accept alternative 2 as it is presented in the draft EIS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron von Ehlinger".

Aaron von Ehlinger
Idaho State Representative