

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest  
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor  
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USFS,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Comment Period. I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans since they first came into our state, in large part because I work for a local company. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities it will bring into our state.

This is a great project for Idaho's economy, citizens and environment. When the project goes into production, the company plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and provide approximately 1,000 jobs over the course of the mine's life. Midas Gold has made a commitment to look to Idaho first for talent and supplies which will have a major trickledown effect and positively impact many facets of the state's economy. Based on the 2014 Pre-Feasibility Study, total life-of-mine direct, indirect and induced taxes are estimated at \$506 million in federal and \$218 million in state and local taxes. That is a huge win for our region, our state, and our country.

I appreciate your time and thoughtfulness. The USFS has provided plenty of tools to review the DEIS and make commenting within the 60-day timeframe possible. For the reasons I stated in my letter above, please permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2 and let Idahoans see the benefits of this important project.

Thanks for your time,



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