

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

I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans for several years. As a local vendor for the company, I am excited to finally have the opportunity to comment on their Draft EIS. Midas Gold Idaho presents a huge opportunity for the Gem State.

The Stibnite Gold Project will bring huge economic benefits to Idaho, particularly in Valley County. Midas Gold will directly employ 400-500 employees during construction and operations. Payroll is expected to exceed \$34 million. These numbers do not even capture the indirect jobs. Some third-party estimates show one indirect job will be created every time Midas Gold hires an employee. The project has the potential to have a positive, widespread impact on the state.

It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to continue to move the project forward and permit the site using Alternative 2 as the guide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chad Thornton".A second handwritten signature in cursive script, identical to the one above, reading "Chad Thornton".