

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

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho, particularly rural Idaho, with a huge economic and environmental opportunity. I am writing to encourage you to permit the project as quickly as possible.

The Stibnite Gold Project is an amazing opportunity for Idaho and our country. While the site is rich in a variety of minerals, including gold, silver and tungsten, it also has deposits of antimony – a mineral designated critical by the U.S. government. The military uses antimony in camouflage, binoculars and night vision goggles. It is also used in cell phones, hybrid vehicles, iPad screens and flame retardants. The Stibnite Gold Project is the largest known deposit of antimony and we currently depend heavily on China for this mineral. Permitting the Stibnite Gold Project will allow us to have a domestic resource for this very important mineral.

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.

Regards,

Clayton Ralston

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Clayton Ralston", written in a cursive style.