

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

As a local vendor, I have seen firsthand how the Stibnite Gold Project is good for the Idaho workforce. Midas Gold's strong commitment to hiring locally and using local vendors and suppliers helps build our economic base. The salaries of the positions at the Stibnite Gold Project will be approximately two times higher than typical jobs in Valley County. The financial security and on-the-job training opportunities these positions bring has the potential to bring meaningful change to families throughout the region. Additionally, we know mining brings more than jobs and robust wages to our state, it promotes the development of secondary businesses and the production of more goods and materials right here in Idaho.

I encourage the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Midas Gold Idaho's project as outlined in their Modified Plan of Restoration and Operations, Alternative 2 in the DEIS.

Thanks Again,



Debra Colyer