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

Attention Linda Jackson,

I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the past several years Midas Gold has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in its ModPRO, adopted as alternative 2 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Midas Gold Idaho believes in a local workforce and has promised to hire Idahoans whenever possible. In fact, they have spent over \$89 million in Idaho already. The company will support training opportunities for Idahoans throughout the project by working directly with schools, community colleges and the IDL. The jobs this training will provide are not entry level positions and the skills are valuable in other industries outside of mining. This can make a big difference in the life of many families.

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 and let Idahoans see the benefits of this important project.

Cheers,

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