

Attention Payette National Forest Supervisor,

I am writing to let you know that I fully support the Midas Gold Stibnite Project.

If Midas Gold Idaho is allowed to move forward with the Stibnite Gold Project, they will reclaim an area impacted by historical mining, create hundreds of well-paying jobs and provide a huge boost to our economy. We need to permit the project.

Today at the site, leftover mining waste is leaching metals into groundwater and hurting wildlife and local communities. Midas has been monitoring the site for the last decade and discovered there are high levels of dangerous contaminants in the water, far beyond what is acceptable for drinking water standards. These problems were created long ago by historical mining operations and not by Midas Gold. However, the company has a plan to address these problems.

When reviewing alternatives proposed, alternative two offers viable solutions to improve the site. It creates a plan to clean up existing tailings and store future tailings in a state-of-the-art storage facility. I trust Midas to safely reprocess and store the tailings because their proposed facility is designed to prevent against breaches, leaks, or excessive water accumulation.

When reviewing Midas Gold's plans, it is clear to me the company really believes in taking care of the environment and keeping the community safe. So many of the staff and scientists live here! They care about Idaho! I urge you to permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative two. The comment period has been extended plenty already, which I find nothing more than a stall tactic from those who oppose the project. There are several summaries of the large document available for laypersons to read. Please prevent additional delays.

Thank you for your ear, Ashton Culton

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