

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
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I want to share my support for the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho.

I believe that Midas Gold's proposal could be the best thing to happen to Valley County in a long time. If approved, the Stibnite Gold project would create hundreds of jobs and generate hundreds of millions of dollars in state and local taxes. Their commitment to hiring and contracting locally would ensure that the bulk of those benefits go to the people and communities that need them.

The Stibnite Gold Project would also have significant environmental benefits. Midas Gold designed their plan in order to fix long-standing environmental damage caused by past mining operations. Besides assisting in reforestation, the project would remove polluting tailings, reconnect salmon to their native spawning grounds, and reduce sedimentation from old worksites. Idaho's nature both needs and deserves this type of attention. Midas Gold has also shown a willingness to work collaboratively with recreational groups to address any access concerns that have arisen during the project. In fact, many of the changes laid out in their Modified Plan of Restoration and Operations (Mod PRO) were a result of collaborative, open dialogues.

The Stibnite Gold project would provide economic opportunity for an entire generation of locals. It would be a major mistake to reject a proposal to create 500 jobs in the middle of an economic crisis. Midas Gold is committed to operating in an environmentally responsible way, and the temporary harm caused by their work is a small price to pay for massive economic stimulus and long-term restoration. I urge you to approve Alternative 2 presented by Midas Gold Idaho.

Many thanks,

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