

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

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Midas Gold has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to adopt the proposed activities outlined in Alternative 2 during the permitting process.

The Stibnite Gold Project will generate significant federal, state and local taxes over the life of the project. Estimate show the company will contribute \$86 million in state taxes over two decades. According to a study conducted in 2017, compensation on the Stibnite Gold Project would average approximately \$80,000 a year based on comparable operations in Idaho, as compared to \$35,000 in the area surrounding the project currently. The economic benefits tied in with the environmental restoration of the site provide a win-win for the citizens who live in the surrounding communities, the state and the general population.

By law Midas Gold Idaho is required to set aside all of the money needed for restoration prior to any mining activity. This gives me, and Idahoans, peace of mind that the restoration work the company has discussed will come to fruition no matter what happens.

If Midas Gold Idaho is allowed to move forward with its work, as outlined in alternative 2, salmon will be reconnected to their native spawning grounds. This hasn't happened in 80 years! The US Forest Service's Draft Environmental Impact Statement concluded that removing existing barriers to fish migration will help Chinook salmon, bull trout and steelhead. Mining has devastated this area. Midas Gold Idaho wants to fix it and I hope you will clear the path to allow their restoration work to move forward.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment. I believe you've given me and other Idahoans plenty of time to comment on the project. Sixty days is enough and the comment period does not need to be any longer.

Thank you for considering my thoughts on the project. I urge you to move forward with alternative two.

Warm regards, 