

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
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Midas Gold Idaho has proposed the Stibnite Gold Project to the U.S. Forest Service. As an advocate for the economy and prosperity for the great state of Idaho, this plan will provide massive potential that cannot afford to be wasted towards the environment and economy of the state.

The Stibnite Gold Project will create 500 direct jobs right off the bat – and this \$1.1 billion dollar investment will create an economic surge in the area that is desperately needed especially amid the COVID-19 crisis as millions of Americans have lost their jobs. Midas Gold will support employees with an average salary of \$80,000 per year. Idaho's economy could deeply benefit from a financial standpoint on this project, and it will not cost taxpayer's a single dollar.

On top of this, state and local communities will prosper thanks to the \$150 million tax revenue that will come in from the project. Midas Gold Idaho has also ensured that \$1 million will benefit the Stibnite Foundation to fund projects aimed at supporting the environment, local families, and general quality of life. Snowmobiling is also a popular recreational activity in McCall and throughout all of Valley County, attracting local and visiting snowmobilers eager to enjoy the breathtaking bowls and back country snow powder. Midas Gold realized that the region surrounding the project is a popular area for snowmobilers so they actively collaborated with local snowmobiling organizations to mitigate impact from their activities and provide access.

Aside from economic benefits, the plan will ensure a temporary passage is built to connect salmon to their spawning habitats. 3.4 miles of salmon habitat will be restored to their former glory ensuring salmon populations can prosper for generation to come. The plan's goal is to support the community, repair sediment build up from previous damage at Blowout Creek, and rid the area of contamination.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input to the U.S. Forest Service and comment in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. I urge you to adopt Alternative 2 laid out by Midas Gold Idaho.

Sincerely,

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