

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

I am writing to show my support for Midas Gold Idaho's proposed Stibnite Gold Project. I believe that this initiative will support efforts to clean up the atmosphere and leave positive impacts for Idaho.

Years of poorly planned mining projects have unfortunately left the historic Stibnite Mining District ravaged with destruction and pollution. Upon reviewing Midas Gold Idaho's plan, they aim to introduce a new era of mining with great concern with leaving the region better than it was before. This unique opportunity that will not cost a single dollar to local taxpayers has great potential to improve the Stibnite area and provide economic surplus to the area.

The Stibnite Gold Project would provide hundreds of local Idahoans with jobs, thereby adding millions of dollars to both state and local economies. Prospective workers may apply for a variety of management, accounting, logistics, engineering, and general labor roles. Employees can receive bonuses over the normal local income. To offer an example with comparable salaries in Idaho, a worker would make \$80,000 a year in comparison to the \$35,000 average in the surrounding area. Additionally, the plan would support training opportunities for Idahoans throughout the life of its project by working directly with schools, community colleges and the Idaho Department of Labor.

Job rates in Idaho have taken a hit like every other state, and this plan has immense potential to improve the lives of many in the Gem State. To ensure all voices are being heard, Midas Gold has adopted a formal community agreement with eight of the areas closest to the project site to ensure open and honest communication throughout the process.

I hope you understand the many employment benefits this plan has to offer and improve the lives of many. 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 proposed by Midas Gold.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephen L. Zite". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed text of the letter.