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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest  
500 North Mission Street  
McCall, Idaho 83638

Attention: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I am writing to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho. I am an Associate Geotechnical Engineer with nearly 15 years of engineering experience in earth science engineering. I am a licensed professional engineer (PE) in seven states, including Idaho, with a bachelors and master's degrees in geotechnical engineering. I have had the opportunity to work with Midas Gold Idaho to support the feasibility analysis for the Burntlog Route to access the site. Our scope included evaluate geologic hazards on the access routes, providing recommendations for route adjustments, and providing preliminary recommendations for design. My experience working with them has been 100 percent positive. I found their team to be fully open to consulting expert opinions and willing to adjust their design to improve impacts to the environment and the public. I trust Midas Gold Idaho will be able to complete this project as promised in their draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

After review of the draft EIS I am fully supporting Alternative 2. This alternative keeps traffic away from critical fish-bearing waterways, avoids avalanche and geologic hazards, and reduces impact to recreational areas along Johnson Creek road. I know how much design consideration Midas Gold Idaho has put into the project so far and will continue to complete after the project is permitted to proceed. The design has and will follow current engineering standards to complete final design including the Forest Service and Valley County design standards.

This project brings a great opportunity to restore legacy impacts from previous mining activities. Midas Gold Idaho's proposal shows their commitment to restore the site including financial assurance and bonds. This project brings a great economic opportunity to Idaho to provide \$1 billion investment in Idaho. The project is a win-win for Idaho, Midas Gold Idaho, and our local environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. DuRee", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Braydan P. DuRee, PE  
Associate Geotechnical Engineer

