

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
500 North Mission Street
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U.S.F.S. Officials,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the public permitting process.

Midas Gold Idaho is proposing a great project for our economy, our citizens and our environment. The Stibnite Gold Project would help to properly restore a brownfield site in Idaho's backcountry and provide a significant positive economic impact. If permitted, Midas Gold plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and provide hundreds of jobs over the course of the mine's life. Looking to Idaho first for talent and supplies, the company will also have a huge trickledown effect. The salaries of the positions at Midas Gold Idaho will be two times higher than typical jobs in Valley County. The financial security these positions could bring to families will be life changing and the economic stimulus it will bring the state is something that can not be overlooked, especially under Alternative 2. Alternative 3 and 4 would impose extraordinary costs and delays that could render the project costs prohibitive and leave 1,000 of possible job opportunities at the table.

I urge you to accept Midas Gold's plan as outlined under alternative 2. The U.S. Forest Service has provided the public with helpful virtual tools and materials to submit meaningful comments on the project within the allotted timeframe. It is time to move this project forward.

Thanks for your Consideration,


Ben Jenkel

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