

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

Dear Ms. Jackson:

Idaho has been home to a large number of mines since before we were even a state. Growing up here, I understand how important mining is to our economy and community. I am writing to express my support for Midas Gold's Alternative 2 proposal, which will promote economic opportunity and strengthen national security.

Mining provides jobs and opportunities that are important for our local economy. Midas not only recognizes this but is committed to hiring locally and purchasing materials locally as much as possible. The Stibnite project will have hundreds of job opportunities in construction and operations, and Midas is supporting training for local residents throughout the project. This type of project will undoubtedly boost our local economy.

Another way the Stibnite project is important to me is because it will strengthen our national security through the production of antimony. Antimony is used to make electronics and batteries and is also a critical mineral for national defense and the energy industry. Right now, the U.S. relies on foreign countries for this mineral. These days, I think many more Americans value a domestic supply chain for such important minerals. The project at Stibnite could produce over 100 million pounds of antimony.

I support the Alternative 2 proposal because it is the safest way to bring these opportunities to life. Mining is an important contributor to a strong economy in Idaho and I know the Midas project will be no different. I am also excited about the possibility of contributing important resources to our national defense industry through the production of antimony. Midas has clearly conducted a lot of research into this project, and I know Alternative 2 is the best way to move forward. Thank you for your consideration; please lend your support to the project.

Respectfully,



RAMESH KREIZENBECK