

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

Dear Ms. Jackson:

I am writing to you as a local Valley County resident and strong proponent of the Midas Gold Stibnite Mine project. I urge you to approve Alternative 2, because it is the safest and best option to move forward with the project.

Alternative 2 directly addresses the damage from old mining projects by constructing a tailings storage facility. Right now, there are millions of tons of tailings leftover from last century that contaminate the water and air. Under the Alternative 2 proposal, Midas would reprocess and store these tailings properly. I support this storage plan because I know Midas is following the most stringent state regulations. Furthermore, their storage facility is strategic in its location and construction. It will ultimately keep clean water clean.

The necessary clean-up at the Stibnite site is expensive. If Midas doesn't move forward with this plan, I'm worried these issues may go unaddressed entirely. There is no one else willing to put in the level of effort that Midas Gold is promising.

Alternative 2 is a sustainable plan to clean up and reclaim our environment that has been damaged by prior mining projects. This proposal has improved incredibly upon earlier proposals, and I feel confident expressing my support knowing that Midas has complied (and will continue to comply) with state and federal regulations.

Best Regards,


Sheri Potter