

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

Dear Ms. Jackson:

For the last few years, Midas Gold has been working to develop a plan for the Stibnite Mine Project. As part of this preparation, Midas has been involved in our community here in Valley County. My community has welcomed this project and we are eager to see it move forward. With the Alternative 2 plan, Midas Gold will help to clean up the harm caused to our local rivers and animals from historic mining developments and offer new jobs in the process.

Fishing is a favored pastime for many Idahoans. However, previous mining projects diverted river passages and cut native fish off from their natural habitats. The Alternative 2 plan offers a solution to this problem, by creating a temporary passage to reroute the river during operations. After operations are completed, Midas has committed funds to permanently restore the passage and allow the fish to return to their natural habitats for the first time in 80 years.

The construction and operation of this project and the mining operations as a whole will inevitably bring jobs and economic opportunity to our community. Not only has Midas committed to hiring locally, they are also committed to training residents for the work whenever possible.

We are eager to see Alternative 2 passed and allow this fruitful project to move forward. I feel confident knowing Midas has already invested so much in our community and is proposing a project that restores our jobs and environment.

Warmest Regards,

Kelby Walker
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