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

Dear Ms. Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the public permitting process. This project will not only have a positive impact on the environment, communities surrounding the site and Idahoans, but also our nation.

The site is rich in gold deposits but it also has antimony, which was recently deemed a critical by the federal government. Antimony is used as a fire retardant and metal strengthener. It is used in everything from batteries, textiles, cell phones, plastics and cable sheathing. Right now, the U.S. doesn't have a domestic antimony mine. The Stibnite Gold Project could provide one-quarter of the American demand for antimony in the country, which is so important with the current tenuous trade relations in our country. Alternative 2 of the DEIS would get this project going the quickest, is the most economically feasible and has the most environmental advantages.

Midas Gold wants to help bring development of a critical mineral back to the US, bring economic stability to Idaho and restore an abandoned mine site. We should let them. Please permit Alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project as outlined in the draft Environmental Impact Statement.

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