

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

I write today to urge the U.S. Forest Service to approve the Plan of Restoration and Operation that Midas Gold has submitted. Approval of this PRO is a crucial step to help central Idaho's Stibnite Yellow-Pine region recover from past environmental damage. Critics have claimed that more mining projects will bring more environmental degradation, however these claims are simply untrue. Midas has dedicated itself to fixing the mistakes of the past, and has put forward a comprehensive plan that will allow us to enjoy the beauty of central Idaho for generations to come. I urge the U.S. Forest Service to support this PRO for the following reasons.

Through private investment, Midas will work to restore dozens of acres of forest that were previously lost to deforestation. Already, Midas has planted over 55,000 trees throughout Stibnite Yellow-Pine, and has dedicated extensive time and effort to work with communities throughout the region to identify areas of concern. One such area is restoring populations of wild salmon and brook trout, which have suffered from pollution in the past. In an effort to remedy this situation, Midas has engineered a mile long fish tunnel that will allow fish to safely migrate through the waterways and avoid mining operations. Midas will also restore six miles of streams and waterways, and has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars into infrastructure upgrades which will prevent sediment runoff.

Midas has proven itself a company that we can trust, and through a Community Agreement, has developed good relations with the residents closest to the mining site. This Community Agreement will allow Idahoans to voice their questions and concerns directly to Midas, and will work out very well. We look forward to the jobs and opportunity that the Stibnite Gold Project will bring.

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused our economy to suffer, but now it is time to get back to work. Please support Alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho, as it will restore the environmental health and economy of Stibnite Yellow-Pine.

Thank you,



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