

U.S.F.S. Officials,

This letter is to express my support of Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project. America needs this project to be permitted. I hope after reading my thoughts you will understand why my support for Midas Gold Idaho is so strong.

After reading about what they propose, I am impressed by Midas Gold's plans to clean up water quality conditions at the site by removing sediment and old materials blocking the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. Today, steelhead and Chinook salmon cannot access spawning grounds because they are blocked by an abandoned mining pit. Midas will address this issue before mining even begins "reconnecting fish for the first time in more than 80 years. The company will build a fish passageway in the short term and eventually restore full access to 25 miles of perennial stream and 6 miles of fish spawning habitat above the Yellow Pine pit. If we do not allow Midas Gold to move forward with their plans, it is highly unlikely anyone else will provide the funds needed to reconnect fish to this currently lost habitat.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in Idaho, which is a beautiful state and bring more than hundreds of jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project Idaho needs. The U.S. Forest Service has provided Idahoans with meaningful tools to easily review the document and ample time to comment. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project following alternative two.

It behooves us to responsibly mine the essential minerals we need instead of relying on Russia and China for these necessary elements. We've been too long in these countries' pockets. The US can do a better and cleaner job!

Most Respectfully,

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