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

I want to express my support for Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold project. This project would not only do a great deal of good for Valley County's economy, but also for the whole state of Idaho.

With a cost of roughly \$1.1 Billion to build and around \$230 million each year to operate, the Stibnite Gold Project will inject hundreds of millions of dollars into Idaho's economy, bring hundreds of jobs into the state and contribute significant local and state tax revenue. This project is estimated to create about \$150 million in sales transactions in the regional economy throughout the life of the project.

Additionally, I want to thank USFS for doing a good job providing resources to review the DEIS and comment with the website & virtual meeting room. This 60-day comment period has given us plenty of time to review and comment on the proposals.

It is clear from the quick economic benefits our area will receive that Alternative 2 is the best option. Alternatives 3 and 4 would take longer to complete and result in a 2-year delay of operations. Essentially, we will be waiting longer for needed economic benefit to Idaho and critical antimony resources for the U.S.

I urge the U.S. Forest Service to approve Alternative 2 outlined by Midas Gold Idaho.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joanna M Heiss'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joanna M Heiss