

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
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U.S. Forest Supervisor:

I would like to add my comments regarding the Stibnite Gold Project to the U.S. Forest Service's open docket. In my view, there is no time to waste in approving this project as described in Alternative 2. Doing so would be in the best interest of both the environment around Stibnite and Idaho's entire economy.

Midas Gold's approach to the Stibnite Gold Project would be to both restore the local ecosystem while at the same time developing the mine in a responsible way to create local jobs and spur economic growth statewide. The results of the draft environmental impact statement put together by the U.S. Forest Service confirms that the long-term productivity of the site would benefit Idaho economically speaking.

In fact, Midas Gold's presence in Central Idaho has already been of great benefit to our economy. They've already spent more than \$69 million with Idaho-based businesses, contractors, and supplies as part of their commitment to hiring locally whenever and wherever they can. Approval of Alternative 2 would ensure that the company is able to create hundreds of jobs during construction and hundreds more during operations of the mine. On top of that, there will also be hundreds of millions of dollars in sales transactions as well as state and local tax revenue to take into consideration.

On the whole, this project would be a gift from above for Idaho workers and our economy while at the same time helping out and protecting the local environment. Alternative 2 is the best solution because it is not only the most technically feasible, but it also means jobs will be created sooner as Alternatives 3 and 4 would both create significant delays.

It's time to approve Alternative 2 and allow this project to create the jobs and economic benefits Idaho needs right now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tommy" followed by a stylized surname.