



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

As the proud owner of Rocky Mountain Signs, I write in support of the proposed Stibnite Gold Project currently under review by the U.S. Forest Service. Being a local business owner, the economic wellbeing of our community and its residents is my top priority. After reviewing the proposal submitted by Midas Gold Idaho, I am certain that this project would bring much needed economic prosperity to our area and the state of Idaho as whole.

The Stibnite Gold Project is good for the Idaho workforce. Midas Gold's strong commitment to hiring locally and using resident vendors and suppliers helps build our economy. To date, Midas Gold has spent over \$89 million in Idaho alone by prioritizing local vendors and contractors. As one of these local vendors, I have already seen the immense economic benefit this project brings to our area. My company has been a proud partner of Midas Gold in supplying them with key collateral materials including signs, stickers, and banners.

In addition, larger independent estimates suggest Midas Gold will influence the indirect employment of 500-800 workers during construction and an added 450-600 people during operations. These jobs include supply chain consumables used on-site, transportation efforts, and like us, needed signage and other materials.

A Highland Economics analysis also found that the direct, indirect and induced impacts from local job creation are estimated at \$28.8 million per year in annual local income during construction, \$29.3 million per year during operations and \$5 million per year during final reclamation. By allowing Midas Gold Idaho to operate in the historic Stibnite region, the region's economy will receive a much-needed jolt through the revival of a once booming industry that defined this county in the past.

It is my hope that Idaho's economy will be able to benefit from this project in the coming years and fix an area that has been plagued by years of unregulated mining practices. I urge you to accept the Alternative 2 presented by Midas Gold Idaho and move forward with the project as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Hinson", written over a horizontal line.

Jim Hinson
Owner
Rocky Mountain Signs