

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

Dear Ms. Linda Jackson,

I am reaching out to express my support for Midas Gold Idaho's proposed project, the Stibnite Gold Project. I see this project as a great investment for our region and state. The Stibnite regions needs an economic and environmental improvement, and this project is the answer.

The Stibnite mining district is in need of an environmental clean-up to restore the area's ecosystem. Environmental restorations are expensive, but Midas Gold Idaho will pay for all costs through private investors. Currently, there is a pathway that is blocking salmon from migrating. Part of this project includes clearing this blockage that was caused by previous miners from over the last 100 years. According to the draft DEIS (4.12-39) efforts by Midas Gold to establish long-term access to blocked habitat would result in increased productivity and genetic diversity of isolated fish populations. Clearly, Midas Gold Idaho is committed to restoring this area to improve the environment and for wildlife to thrive in.

Along with environmental improvements, this project will bring a great spur in our region's economy. Not only will the Stibnite Gold Project provide almost a thousand highly-paid jobs, it will generate \$300,000 annually from property taxes. This is a tremendous opportunity to use that money to improve our schools and infrastructure. More than ever, Idahoans need higher paying jobs as our state ranks as one of the lowest for income and wages in the country.

I strongly recommend the U.S. Forest Service to adopt Alternative 2 presented by Midas Gold Idaho. This is a project that will benefit the environment, our economy and citizens of the Stibnite region for years. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and I hope you consider adopting this project.

Sincerely,

Deena Barrera