

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

I am writing to support, and urge you to permit, the Midas Gold Idaho Stibnite Gold project.

I'm a geologist, with academic training (Purdue, Harvard) in geochemistry, mineralogy & crystallography. Over many years, I have extensive experience in energy, mining and environmental restoration. And I'm pleased to support Midas Gold's project in Idaho.

I have visited the project and seen legacy results from past mining efforts. Obviously, what happened during rushed efforts during World War II speaks for itself... But what's past is past, and we must look towards the future.

From what I've seen of the Midas plan, the idea is to clean up these legacies, while recovering minerals from an excellent set of ore bodies. The plan appears quite doable, and a complete win-win as regards the private company and public benefit.

I have seen the proposed tailings storage facility, and am impressed with the location under Alternative 2, which uses the mountains to secure the facility and would mean the dam would only cover 10% of the entire perimeter.

Midas Gold proposes to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site. We should let them. Please permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward.

Sincerely,

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