September 15, 2020

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

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I write today to voice my strong support for the modified plan of restoration and operation that Midas Gold Idaho submitted to the U.S Forest Service and is under consideration in your draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Please move forward with alternative two of the PRO.

During construction, Midas plans to employ 600 to 700 people with an annual payroll ranging from \$42 million to \$49 million. During operations, Midas will then provide 500 direct jobs for the community with an annual payroll ranging from \$48 million to \$51 million. Moreover, these are not just mining jobs. There will actually be a wide range of positions, including management, administration, equipment operators, general laborers, mechanics, electricians, engineers, surveyors, geologists and environmental and safety specialists.

I work as a respiratory therapist in neonatal intensive care in the Treasure Valley with a difficult schedule that changes regularly. My husband is a crane operator in Alaska and thus is gone for weeks at a time. This is why projects such as the Stibnite Gold project is so important for Idahoans. It will provide great paying jobs and provide opportunities for people like my husband to be able to work in Idaho.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

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