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ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
ATTN: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
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RE: Stibnite Gold Project

My husband and I were both born and raised in northern Idaho, it is where we raised our kids and now where our grandchildren will be raised. It is very important to both of us that our state manages its natural resources efficiently as well as providing opportunity for growth and development for future generations to thrive here in Idaho. I was raised in a home dependent on the extraction of natural resources and my husband is a small business owner dependent on the states timber industry.

The Stibnite Mining District has been a crucial part to our nations defense and has been demonstrated as critical through WWII and the Korean War. Through my career with the Institute of Materials Research at Washington State University I have witnessed firsthand through the demand and availability of critical minerals that a vast majority of both minerals and metals are imported from other countries. It is a great concern of mine to be so clearly dependent on the supply from these other countries when we have domestic sources available. Another key point from these observations is that if we can mine these minerals and metals domestically in a country where we have the top environmental standards and consideration to human health and wellbeing I feel that it is best to mine here rather rely on foreign sources. Midas Gold has a plan to take Stibnite, a previously environmentally impacted mining district back into production creating a great economic opportunity for our state, critical mineral source for our country and an opportunity to clean up legacy mining issues left by past operators.

The Stibnite Gold project will be vital in creating local jobs and spurring economic activity in the rural Idaho communities that need it most. Our daughter, son in law and grandson live in Valley County so we have been able to witness Midas Golds commitment to the state, local communities, recreationalists, and schools firsthand. Midas has committed to working with local vendors and suppliers whenever possible, have committed to hiring Idaho citizens and have already spent nearly \$70 million in Idaho to bring this project to life.

Please keep these thoughts in mind as you review this project. I urge you to approve Alternative 2 as presented by Midas in their modified Plan of Restoration and Operations (Mod PRO)—and help make the Stibnite Gold Project a reality.

Sincerely,



Becky Griswold