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

Linda Jackson,

I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the past several years Midas Gold has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in its Alternative 2.

The old Stibnite mine site will likely never be cleaned up unless industry takes responsibility for those who came before them. My company, Western State CAT, wants to help Midas Gold do just that! By mining the site, Midas Gold plans to restore the natural flow and gradient of the East Fork of the South Fork to reconnect historical spawning grounds. The company will repair blowout creek, permanently solving a source of massive sedimentation and habitat degradation. Plus, in reprocessing and repurposing millions of tons of spent ore and unconstrained tailings, Midas will safeguard water quality indefinitely.

Midas Gold also plans to invest \$1 billion into the state. This would directly impact my company and provide a positive economic impact to Western State CAT and so many other local vendors and consultants. Through the Stibnite Gold Project, Midas Gold would contribute \$86 million in state and local taxes and \$329 million in federal corporate income taxes. This is a huge win for the state and the country.

The Forest Service has put a lot of time into providing meaningful resources for the public to review 24/7 wherever they may be. It has created an opportunity like no other and provided information to hundred, if not thousands, more people. I encourage you to permit this project within the 60-day comment period. It is a win-win for this state and our nation.

Regards,



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