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

Greetings,

This letter is to express my support of Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project. America needs this project to be permitted. I hope after reading my thoughts you will understand why my support for Midas Gold Idaho is so strong.

I believe the project presents a plan to repair the environment and boost Idaho's economy – particularly under Alternative 2. Historic mining operations, development of former town site and natural processes have resulted in significant degradation of many elements of the environment. Loss of fish passage, potential water degradation from previous mining activity and excessive erosion are all of great concern to our community. The Stibnite Gold Project would finance reclamation efforts to address these problems and in turn boost Idaho's economy. It is a win-win for our community.

After years of scientific analysis and review the U.S. Forest Service and multiple state and federal agencies conclude that the mitigation and restoration plans proposed by Midas Gold, under alternative 2, will benefit fish population by removing historical barriers and improve water quality by removing legacy waste from historic mining.

This project will also bring impressive economic impact to the region. With a cost of roughly \$1.1 Billion to build and ~\$230 million each year to operate, the Stibnite Gold Project will inject hundreds of millions of dollars into Idaho's economy, bring hundreds of jobs into the state and contribute significant local and state tax revenue.

I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2.

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