

## WE'RE READY WHEN YOU ARE.

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

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

Midas Gold Idaho has been a member of our industry for the past decade. During this time, the company and its employees have become wonderful champions and supporters of our community. They've volunteered their time in our schools and given generously to community causes. The company's track record of following through on its promises and doing the right thing gives us the confidence to write in support of permitting the Stibnite Gold Project.

Midas Gold Idaho believes in a local workforce and has promised to hire Idahoans whenever possible. The company will provide employees with training and help our state build a more skilled workforce. These jobs are not entry level positions and the skills are valuable in other industries outside of mining. Midas Gold estimates salaries will be two times higher than the local average in Valley County. This can make a big difference in the life of many families and bring much needed economic impacts to the region.

The economic value of this project is invaluable to our community and Midas Gold has the proven track record showing they can do it. We should let them. Please permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward.

My best,

Jared Kelly