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

Attention Linda Jackson,

I am proud to have Midas Gold Idaho into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. My company, Western State CAT has worked with Midas Gold for over a decade and know what kind of company they are. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project.

The economic value this project will bring to our region is undeniable. Jobs during operations include management, administration, equipment operators, general laborers, mechanics, electricians, engineers, surveyors, geologists and environmental and safety specialists. This is a vast pool of opportunities for Idahoans and doesn't even touch the indirect and induced jobs that will spin off from this project.

By law Midas Gold Idaho is required to set aside all of the money needed for restoration prior to any mining activity. This gives me, and Idahoans, peace of mind that the restoration work the company has discussed will come to fruition no matter what happens. If Midas Gold Idaho is allowed to move forward with its work, salmon will be reconnected to their native spawning grounds. This hasn't happened in 80 years! Mining has devastated this area. Midas Gold Idaho wants to fix it and I hope you will clear the path to allow their restoration work to move forward.

This Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. The Forest Service has done a phenomenal job at making the DEIS available to everyone with a virtual reading room that is accessible 24 hours and day, 7 days a week and the DEIS on their website. Please continue moving the project forward so our citizens can reap the positive impacts by permitting this project.

Respectfully,

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