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

U.S.F.S. Officials,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Midas Gold Idaho's Alternative 2. Over the last several years, I've had the opportunity to hear a handful of presentations on the Stibnite Gold Project, sit down with project staff and observe how the company has lived out its mission as it has grown. It is with this knowledge that I encourage you to permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

I work for Western State CAT and most appreciate that the project will bring huge economic benefits to the rural communities surrounding the project site. Midas Gold will directly employ 400-500 employees during construction and operations. Payroll is expected to exceed \$34 million. These numbers do not even capture the indirect jobs I am confident local companies, like my own, will see from the Stibnite Gold Project.

While the economic benefits of this project cannot be ignored, it also will transform an area in need for environmental repair, most especially under alternative 2. It is for these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'ROBERT JOHNSON' in all caps. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Robert Johnson