



**WE'RE READY WHEN YOU ARE.**

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Supervisor Linda Jackson,

Midas Gold Idaho has been a member of our community for the past decade. My company Western States CAT, works with many businesses so I know firsthand the untapped economic potential of our great state. I appreciate the U.S. Forest Service's efforts to thoroughly review the Stibnite Gold Project proposal submitted by Midas Gold Idaho and urge you to adopt alternative 2.

The Midas Gold Stibnite Gold Project will allow companies like Western States CAT to expand and work with an established industry that will foster economic productivity within Idaho. Local impacts on the economy are estimated to be more than \$18 million per year during construction, with another \$18 million per year during operations. Furthermore, Midas Gold has promised to look to local Idaho vendors like us first throughout the life of the project. This would foster a wealth of new relationships for businesses associated with the Stibnite Gold Project.

I hope the U.S. Forest Service considers my statement, and adopts the alternative 2 laid out in Midas Gold Idaho's proposal. The wave of economic input the Stibnite Gold Project would create unrepresented revenue and strengthen economic interconnectedness in Idaho for years to come.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Jones", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

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