

October 16, 2020

Dear Ms. Jackson,

As someone who has worked closely with Midas Gold during the last 10 years, I write to you today to proudly submit my comments in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. This project, and Alternative 2 in particular, presents the state with an incredible opportunity to bring good-paying jobs to rural Idaho, boost our state's economy and use private investment to clean up a brownfield site.

I work for Coastline Equipment and have been working directly with members of the Midas team for the last decade. I can assure you that they are sincere about their commitment to Idaho. I can assure you they are sincere in their commitment to Valley County. And, Ms. Jackson, I can assure you that this is the best opportunity in generations to finally clean up the mess left behind by previous mining activity at Stibnite.

The site has been in disarray for generations. That much is clear. Previous mining activities have left Stibnite in horrible shape, from loss of the fish passage to water concerns – the site needs help. The Stibnite Gold Project would finance reclamation efforts to address these problems, including reconnecting salmon with their native spawning grounds for the first time in 80 years, while also boosting the economy. This is the only entity to come to the table with the resources to make things right.

By mining the site, Midas Gold plans to restore the natural flow and gradient of the East Fork of the South Fork to reconnect historical spawning grounds. The company will repair blowout creek, permanently solving a source of massive sedimentation and habitat degradation. Plus, in reprocessing and repurposing millions of tons of spent ore and unconstrained tailings, Midas will safeguard water quality indefinitely.

Finally, as a long-time Idahoan, Midas's commitment to hiring locally, whenever possible, is very important to me. They're planning to invest millions in the state, hire hundreds of people for well-paying jobs, and continue their engagement with the local communities to help improve the project.

Thank you for the thorough review of the Stibnite Gold Project. I urge you to now move forward and permit the mine using alternative 2 so Midas Gold can put Americans back to work.

Sincerely,

Bryan Cooley, Location Manager

