



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

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I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits it will bring to Idaho. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work and bring a \$1 billion investment into our state. For companies like mine – Western States CAT – we know the benefits working with Midas Gold and want to see their presence and contributions to this state expand with the Stibnite Gold Project.

Between good paying jobs, economic input from taxes and being able to hire and retain local talent, this project will provide a much needed shot in the arm for the local economy. In fact, around \$86 million in state corporate income and taxes will be collected by Idaho alone. Midas Gold Idaho is also expected to host an annual payroll ranging between \$34 and \$42 million. That is exactly the kind of revenue that will help our families and go directly back into the surrounding communities.

Midas Gold is also putting their money where their mouth is so to speak. They are showing Idaho they are ready to do what is right. For example, Midas Gold Idaho has already begun implementing their environmental restoration plans. To date, the company has already planted more than 50,000 new trees to help fight erosion. They intend to continue these efforts through the implementation of sustainable and modern mining practices throughout the life of the project, guaranteeing that the land is cared for and the environmental legacy is restored.

I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2.

Most Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Burns".

Ken Burns PSSE