

USFS Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor, 500 North Mission Street, McCall, ID 83638

Ms. Jackson,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Midas Gold Project. As a person who has worked for the US Forest Service as well as private industry, I understand NEPA and mine permitting. I have studied the Stibnite Gold Project, read the NEPA analysis, and have an understanding of issues and concerns as well as benefits. I encourage the Forest Service to select Alternative 2 in the DEIS and permit the Project.

The environmental impacts are mitigated with measures that include concurrent reclamation, alignment of travel routes to avoid waterways, the relatively small footprint within a historical mining area, and more.

I work with many clients in Idaho on a wide variety of projects. I know that significant adverse economic impacts have been incurred by residents of Idaho due to loss of natural resource related jobs. Communities in Idaho desperately need economic revival in the form of good jobs created by mining. The Stibnite Gold Project will be good for Idaho and our country.

Also, in terms of environmental impacts, I would rather see mining here in the USA than abroad, due to the environmental protections in the place here that are not yet worldwide.

Please keep the comment period to 60 days so the agency can move forward with their decision and people can start working on this Project.

Sincerely, Mary Darling, Environmental Consultant

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