

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

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 read a handful of presentations on the Stibnite Gold Project. It is with this knowledge that I encourage you to permit the Stibnite Gold Project.

As you are aware this 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 nearby towns will see from the Stibnite Gold Project.

I urge you to accept Midas Gold's plan as outlined under alternative two. The U.S. Forest Service has provided the public with helpful virtual tools and materials to submit meaningful comments on the project within the allotted timeframe. It is time to move this project forward.

Sincerely,

Name: Pete Steilman