

Dear Ms. Linda Jackson,

This letter is to express my support of Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project. America needs this project to be permitted. I hope after reading my thoughts you will understand why my support for Midas Gold Idaho is so strong.

The U.S. Forest Services online meeting room has made it easy to review the document and comment within the 60-day timeframe. Looking at the document, there is a clear advantage to Alternative 2 compared to the other options. According to a figure in Chapter 4, Hanger Flats pit lake would fill by year 14 of operations in Alternative 2. Under Alternative 1, it would take 19 years. The faster the lake fills up, the faster groundwater levels will recover around the lake. Alternative 3 and 4 would both delay the project by two years and cost substantially more. Alternative 3 would also place the tailings storage facility in a pristine reach of the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River. While Alternative 4 would put mine traffic to site right next to the river.

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.

I was a resident of Idaho from 1975-1982 and worked for Bunker Hill in Kellogg. This was my first time in the West and Idaho still has a special place in my heart. I worked at gold projects in California and Nevada after leaving Idaho. As the years have gone by the concern for the environment has taken a "front and center" place for mining companies and is a top priority for Midas Gold. I do own a small number of shares and the reason I bought the shares was in a small way to encourage the development of the project and to restore the area to a much better condition.

Yours,

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