

Payette National Forest,

Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho, particularly rural Idaho, with a huge economic and environmental opportunity. I am writing to encourage you to permit the project as quickly as possible.

Midas Gold is a strong community partner and has outlined plans to make sure the Stibnite Gold Project has a net positive benefit on our community and does not strain local resources. For example, Midas Gold will maintain an onsite emergency response vehicle for use in case of emergencies. (PRO; pg. 2- 3). This vehicle will be stocked with emergency response and first aid gear. First aid supplies and rapid response kits will also be strategically located around the Project site. The company will not be reliant on local first responders. In fact, the resources they provide at site may be used to help the community if needed. The company has already assisted in two, successful back country rescues. The Stibnite Gold Project will provide our community with jobs, our country with its only domestically mined source of antimony and clean up a site that has long been neglected. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move forward with Alternative 2 as outlined in the DEIS.

As the U.S. Forest Service and other state and federal agencies review the proposed plan and determine the course of action, I encourage you to consider and appropriately weigh the positive benefits Midas Gold will have on Idaho. We need to move this project ahead after the 60-day comment period. Alternative Two truly is a win-win opportunity for Idahoans and the environment.

Sincerely,

Name: Carl Woodburn