

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

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, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair.

Midas Gold has made it clear reclamation efforts will start alongside operations. They have worked to find safe access routes to the site that keeps vehicles away from our precious waterways. Plus, the company is trying to minimize their impact on the environment by keeping facilities within the existing footprint of historic mining operations.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit alternative 2 so this brownfield site can finally be restored. The comment period has been extended once already. Sixty days gives Idahoans enough time to submit their comments and I hope there will be no additional delays.

Sincerely,

Name: Kendall Velder