

Payette National Forest Supervisor,

I am proud to welcome Midas Gold Idaho into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. I hope you will take the time to consider my comments on why you should move to permit the project.

I am pleased to see Midas Gold wants to take responsibility and clean up the damage left behind by mining operations in the early 20th Century - even though the company was not involved in any of the previous activity at the site. Midas Gold has a plan to reunite salmon and trout with their spawning grounds for the first time in 80 years. Their plan for the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River over the backfilled Yellow Pine pit will recreate natural conditions as close as possible. They plan to provide permanent access to approximately 25 miles of perennial stream and 6 miles of anadromous fish spawning habitat, and the company has agreed to install a temporary artificial fish passageway that will allow fish to swim past the old mining pit before mining even begins.

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.

Additional I think this project will offer a huge opportunity for the economy of our community. Our community does not have a self sustaining industry. We rely heavily on tourists to support every business in this area. Midas gold offers the possibility for great jobs, with great benefits with a company that truly cares about the community, health and safety.

As a miners wife, I know the importance of this project. My husband works out of the country in mining and the same standards of care and precaution are not taken those countries. After endless hours of research and speaking with many people from Midas gold I have seen the effort they have willing to put forth to right the wrongs that they did not create and move forward in a way that will be beneficial for the environment and the community. It is very easy to complain about change, but the reality is, if not Midas then who? Who is going to pay to fix the water issues and the leaking that continues? I haven't seen any other companies or organizations who have stood up and said let me fix it, at our expense. I firmly believe that Midas Gold has the best interests of the environment in mind and would never willfully do anything that would cause harm.

Respectfully,

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