

Payette National Forest,

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.

I am grateful for the tools the USFS has provided to review the document. One area I was particularly interested in taking a closer look at was the tailings storage facility. I was happy to see in chapter 4 of the DEIS it says, "Based on the slope stability analysis of the proposed design of the TSF dam, failure of the TSF dam from a seismic event is considered to have extremely low probability." This is good news considering the recent earthquakes Idaho has seen. Additionally, I am impressed with the location of the TSF under Alternative 2. This alternative uses the mountains to help secure the facility and would mean the dam would only cover 10% of the entire perimeter. Whereas Alternative 3 would move the TSF to a pristine area "a subpar option.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than hundreds of jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. The U.S. Forest Service has provided Idahoans with meaningful tools to easily review the document and ample time to comment. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project following alternative two.

I am a Geologist with over 50 years of experience in Metallic Exploration and have worked in Industry for Phelps Dodge Corp., Ranchers Exploration, Scintrex Airborne Surveys, Noranda Exploration U.S., and as an Independent Consultant for over 20 years. I have worked in Alaska, Utah, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Zambia, Chile, Argentina, Ecuador, Mexico and the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi and Dubai.

I worked in the Coeur d'Alene District, Idaho at the Bunker Hill and Star Mines and other projects in Idaho and Montana and am very familiar with the Geology of Stibnite and the surrounding area. I have toured the Midas Stibnite property and examined their Core Drilling and Data.

The Midas Stibnite Property is an exceptional Opportunity to establish a large, economic mine, employ Idahoans and others, benefit the Idaho State and the United States economies and reclaim Historic Mining. Finally, the Antimony content is critical to the Strategic Metal supply of the U. S. particularly considering the dominance of China of the Antimony Market.

I strongly support the project and recommend approval of the Project under Alternative 2.

Respectfully,

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