

September 17, 2020

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest  
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor  
500 North Mission Street  
McCall, ID 83638

Dear Ms. Jackson,

As an avid outdoorsman I greatly appreciate Idaho for its many qualities including the ability to hike, ride ATVs, hunt, fish and camp, especially in Valley County where I own property. This is why I am reaching out to you today to voice my support for Midas Gold and its mission to help the Salmon River by saving multiple species of endangered fish through its Stibnite project.

The Yellow Pine Pit was left behind by previous mining projects that took place prior to today's current government regulations has affected many fish populations. Because of this pit, Chinook salmon, steelhead and bull trout in the East Fork South Fork have been cut off from miles of their natural spawning habitat. These fish have been cut off from important spawning grounds since the 1930s and as a result fish populations have suffered and decreased.

As part of the Stibnite Gold Project Midas Gold has committed to providing a solution for migrating fish to reach their historical spawning grounds. Midas Gold will engineer a temporary fish passageway to accommodate a wide range of flow throughout the duration of the project. After the project is completed, Midas will then create a permanent passage.

Restoring the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River will require the removal of multiple physical barriers currently blocking passage and will include a dramatic increase in conditions for these fish. Midas Gold's commitment to enhance these fish habitats with a focus on access and quality will offer several positive benefits to the environment overall which could also increase recreational activity and increase tourism. Please move forward with alternative 2 and allow the company the opportunity to restore an area that is in much need of repair. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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