

September 17, 2020

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

Dear Linda,

I am reaching out to you today as the owner of a small business that deals with precious metals everyday. As the owner of The Diamond Girls in Boise, I have had the opportunity over the past 22 years to work in the jewelry industry. This is why I am thrilled to be able to support gold mining in Idaho, specifically Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project.

Approval will allow Midas create hundreds of jobs for local communities, and it will inject millions of dollars of investment into the region. In addition, this comprehensive plan will work to restore habitats and fix environmental degradation from past mining projects.

The project is estimated to employ 500 Idahoans during their normal operations, including miners, general laborers, mechanics, geologists, administrators, and technicians. The project will also bolster the health of local businesses, creating over \$152 million in sales and commerce during mining operations. Good salaries and economic growth will allow state and municipalities to collect more tax revenues, which is money that can be used for infrastructure, public safety, education, and social services for Idaho.

Please adopt alternative two, as it gives central Idaho a comprehensive plan to revitalize the region's economy and restore its environmental wellbeing. Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Natalie Piccola
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