

Greetings,

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.

With modern mining, it is not choosing between protecting the environment and providing an economic benefit to society; both can be achieved. In the case of the Stibnite project, in particular, where decades of previous mining with no regulation occurred, a modern mining operation can improve the current environmental situation. I strongly believe this will be the outcome of permitting the Stibnite Gold Project.

Additionally, one of the biggest challenges facing Idaho is having a trained workforce. Midas Gold not only plans to hire hundreds of Idahoans but the company will provide employees with training to build a more skilled workforce in Idaho. We applaud Midas Gold's commitment to helping Idahoans get valuable training that may not otherwise be available. This commitment by the company will help benefit Idaho families and allow Idaho to attract new businesses in the future, particularly in the mining and mineral exploration industries which have lagged behind other states in the western USA (e.g. Nevada) despite similar geologic potential.

Thank you for reviewing my comments. Again, I urge you to permit Midas Gold's carefully thought out plan as outlined under alternative two as the other alternatives are less desirable from an environmental and safety standpoint.

Respectfully,

Name: Curtis Johnson