

Dear Payette National Forest Supervisor,

Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project presents Idaho, particularly rural Idaho, with a huge economic and environmental opportunity. I am writing to encourage you to permit the project as quickly as possible.

Midas Gold Idaho believes in a local workforce and has promised to hire Idahoans whenever possible. The company will provide employees with training and help our state build a more skilled workforce. These jobs are not entry level positions and the skills are valuable in other industries outside of mining. Midas Gold estimates salaries will be two times higher than the local average in Valley County. This can make a big difference in the life of many families.

After reading my letter, I hope you can see why you should permit alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project. This project is a good thing for Idaho, helps decrease America's dependence on foreign countries for critical minerals and cleans up the environment. These benefits cannot wait. Sixty days is long enough for the comment period. I would really like to see everyone in democratic countries reduce their reliance on China which has repeatedly displayed no hesitation in employing decisions that are strictly for China's benefit.

Best Wishes,

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