

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

U.S. Forest Supervisor Jackson:

I'm not sure why the proposed mining project at the old Stibnite site isn't a done deal yet, but as someone who lives in Central Idaho, I for one cannot wait until the day it is. The sooner, the better for Idaho workers and our entire economy. Let's get the show on the road and approve alternative 2 without any more delays.

This company seems to know a thing or two about hiring locally whenever possible. Midas Gold has been in the area for a decade now and in that time, it has already spent nearly \$70 million with Idaho contractors, suppliers, and other businesses. That's pretty impressive if you ask me. Just think of the investments we'll see once the project gets off the ground.

All told, the company projects it'll create hundreds of jobs during construction and hundreds more during the ongoing operations of the site, pumping tens of millions of dollars in payroll into our economy. They'll also be paying hundreds of millions of dollars in state and local taxes annually. That's money that Idaho families and communities need right now.

You don't have to take my word for it, either. According to the environmental impact statement released by your agency, this project would be an economic benefit to our entire state. And alternative 2 would help create these jobs and new economic opportunities sooner as both alternatives 3 and 4 would lead to delays in the construction timeline.

There's no question what the right answer is here. Please approve alternative 2.

With much appreciation,

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