

DEAR MS JACKSON,

This letter is to express my support of Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project. America needs this project to be permitted. I hope after reading my thoughts you will understand why my support for Midas Gold Idaho is so strong.

Alternative 2 is the result of many years of study by Midas Gold. The company developed this alternative after submitting their original plans and working with stakeholders, community members and environmental groups to try to determine how it could be improved. The result was a smaller project footprint, reconnecting salmon to their native spawning grounds before mining ever begins and improved water quality. Two of the alternatives, 3 and 4, would delay the project by several years and withhold its benefits from Idahoans unnecessarily. Those same alternatives could also become so expensive it could make the project cost prohibitive. With everything happening in the world, I feel strongly that we need to Stibnite Gold Project to move forward now. It would bring 500 well-paying jobs to rural Idaho, invest a billion in Idaho and help improve community infrastructure.

My family and I support the efforts of restoring the land and cleaning the tailings and to begin the operation of the Stibnite Gold mine. I am excited that their efforts will assist in bringing salmon back to their native grounds. I have participated in numerous discussions with the Stibnite project managers and they are always looking for ways to improve their operation with the mine and cleaning the land from previous mining efforts. I have had our questions answered and the project managers have been open about reasonings behind specific portions of the operation of the mine.

There has been more than sufficient time to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and adopt Alternative two as the preferred alternative.

Regards,

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