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 October 28, 2020

Ms. Linda Jackson

Supervisor - Payette National Forest

500 North Mission Street

McCall, ID 83638

Re: Stibnite Gold Project, DEIS #50516

Dear Supervisor Jackson,

I am writing to express my support for Midas Gold Idaho, Inc.’s modified Plan of Restoration and Operations represented as Alternative 2 of the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Stibnite Gold Project in Valley County, Idaho.

The detailed lengthy technical scrutiny and analysis of Project plans completed in preparation of the DEIS demonstrate that Midas Gold is capable of and committed to building, operating, closing, and reclaiming a modern mining operation, and that these activities will be undertaken in an environmentally sound, economically viable, and socially responsible manner.

I think operation of the Stibnite Gold Project would represent a “Win” on a number of fronts, including:

* Environmental restoration & mitigation of the legacy degradation from unreclaimed previous mining operations in the area;
* Restoring natural flow & improved water quality to the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River to allow fish migration to areas previously blocked;
* Providing substantial economic & social benefits locally and statewide through creation of hundreds of new jobs (both directly and indirectly), and payment of hundreds of millions of dollars in local, state and federal taxes over the life of the project; and
* Providing an important domestic source of critical or strategic metals (gold & antimony) which are integral to many U.S.-produced industrial products & technological applications.

I urge you to approve the Stibnite Gold Project’s DEIS, incorporating the modified Plan of Restoration & Operations, Alternative 2.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert O. Laidlaw