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Sent: Wednesday, October 28, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Support Stibnite; jay.natoli@gmail.com; natalie
Subject: Midas Gold Idaho

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

I am writing to share my thoughts on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold project. There are many reasons why I am excited for Midas Gold's project to come to life and I hope through my comments you will understand why.

Over the last 11 years I have worked for Midas Gold on the Stibnite Gold Project, it is very rewarding working with highly educated people that care about our environment, work on solutions that will solve past Legacy issues while moving forward with sound engineering ideas to restore the site. I have worked with many of our staff that give of their time and energy to the community in local outreach activities that benefit the communities of Valley County and the Boise area alike.

If the Stibnite Gold Project goes into production, Idaho would see a huge economic benefit. Midas Gold plans to invest \$1 billion in the state, contribute \$86 million in state and local taxes and make improvements to roads and power grid near the site. The company has also made a pledge to hire locally whenever possible and plans to provide around 1,000 jobs for Idahoans throughout the life of the project. Midas Gold salaries will be approximately two times higher than the local salary. It is impossible to ignore the positive trickledown effect an investment of this size would have on our community and economy.

I encourage the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Midas Gold Idaho's project as outlined in their Modified Plan of Restoration and Operations, alternative 2 in the DEIS. The USFS has provided meaningful time to submit comments and already extended the comment period once, there should be no further delays.

Best Wishes,

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