

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

Ms. Jackson:

As someone who cares deeply about the environment in the Stibnite-Yellow Pine area, I am thankful for the opportunity to express my support for the permitting of the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold. While previous mining projects have left the area in bad shape, it is clear that this project is designed with environmental restoration at its core.

In fact, Midas has gone above and beyond to ensure this project meets the highest in safety and environmental standards. The company has been working in the area for more than 10 years now, already laying the groundwork for the environmental clean-up that will begin in earnest once the project is fully approved and permitted. Midas's original Plan of Restoration and Operations (PRO) was submitted to the U.S. Forest Service in 2016 and has been reviewed by seven different local, state, and federal regulatory bodies.

Last spring, Midas updated and submitted a modified PRO to the U.S. Forest Service. This updated version includes important updates that reflect the feedback from local community members and makes changes that improve the design of the project in order to further reduce the environmental impact. These changes include proposing ways to better manage surface water and improve both ground and surface water quality; adding an extra layer of liner to their tailings storage facility to prevent trace metals from leaching into the water supply; and providing safe public access through the site for the local community. Additionally, the company included plans to reroute power lines to reduce the impact on the wetlands and address the concerns of landowners.

Prioritizing safety for the environment as well as workers, Midas is also incorporating best practices in the transportation, storage, and use of hazardous materials. The company's track record speaks for itself: in the past 10 years, they have conducted over 195 successful fuel hauls and they haven't had a reportable spill in over 100 months. Midas is planning to construct the necessary infrastructure to ensure the highest degree of safety during the transportation of hazardous materials, complete with an on-site hazardous materials response team.

Midas is clearly listening to feedback from the community and adapting their plans accordingly, while ensuring safety for the environment, workers, and the public. For these reasons, I ask that you accept Alternative Two and allow this project to move forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Cosker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.