

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Public participation is a huge part of the permitting process and as a local vendor; I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts.

The project will bring huge economic benefits to the rural communities surrounding the project site. Midas Gold will directly employ 400-500 employees during construction and operations. Payroll is expected to exceed \$34 million. These numbers do not even capture the indirect jobs I am confident nearby towns will see from the Stibnite Gold Project.

The comment period provides plenty of time to read the DEIS and submit comments. Further extensions of the comment period are unnecessary and will needlessly delay the project. For the above reasons and many more, please move forward with Alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project, as it is important to all Idahoans

Most Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sam Hess". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the "Most Respectfully," text.