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 I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Midas Gold Idaho is proposing a great project for Idaho's economy, citizens and environment. When the project goes into production, the company plans to invest \$1 billion in Idaho and provide approximately 1,000 jobs over the course of the mine's life. Midas Gold has made a commitment to look to Idaho first for talent and supplies, which will have a major trickledown effect and positively affect many facets of the state's economy. As a local vendor, this will have a positive economic impact for many of us.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit Alternative 2 so this brownfield site can finally be restored.

Thanks for your time,