

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

I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Over the past several years Midas Gold has shown its commitment to Valley County and the state of Idaho and I encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in its Alternative 2.

The Stibnite Gold Project is good for the Idaho workforce. Midas Gold's strong commitment to hiring locally and using local vendors and suppliers helps build our economic base. I have worked with Midas Gold over the years and seen their commitment to supporting local businesses. The salaries of the positions at the Stibnite Gold Project will be approximately two times higher than typical jobs in Valley County. The financial security and on-the-job training opportunities these positions bring has the potential to bring meaningful change to families throughout the region. Additionally, we know mining brings more than jobs and robust wages to our state, it promotes the development of secondary businesses and the production of more goods and materials right here in Idaho.

I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using Alternative 2.

My best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Rangel", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.