

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

I'm a mining engineer with 30 years of experience, and would like to express my full support for the Midas Project. Although I haven't done any work on the Midas project, I've worked on similar projects world wide out of my home office in Boise, Idaho, so very familiar with their proposed mine plan. I'm currently working on a reclamation project in Yerington Nevada that is reclaiming historical workings. The initial reclamation work for the spent leach portion of the project is \$30 million. The total cost for site reclamation will approach \$180 million. From my experience, the best way to reclaim an old mine is with a new mine which is exactly what Midas gold is proposing to do. In the process of reclaiming historical workings, they will produce 5 million ounces of gold and produce antimony which is a strategic mineral for the United States. All things considered, I cannot imagine a better situation for reclaiming the historical workings, providing job opportunities, and producing a strategic mineral for the US.

Thank You,

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