

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

Our grandfather helped develop the Stibnite area 100 years ago and supported winning WWII with production of strategic metals like antimony and tungsten. We love this beautiful area of Valley County and want to see it restored. Now is the time!

And restoration only happens if Midas Gold Idaho is permitted to mine the gold, silver and antimony at Stibnite. This outstanding company has the financial backing to get the job done properly and will use modern mining methods to ensure its sophisticated plan for restoration and operations achieves its full potential. Let's move forward!

Thus far, Midas has conducted its development work with great environmental sensitivity, while engaging and supporting the county and communities in every way possible. There is no doubt this level of professionalism and stakeholder sensitivity will continue.

The 1000 direct and indirect jobs related to the Stibnite Gold Project will be a boon to Valley County. There will be many other economic benefits as well. Most importantly, Midas will go to work early in the life of the project on various environmental concerns, including a fish tunnel so chinook salmon, bull trout and other endangered fish species can swim around the Yellow Pine pit to historic spawning grounds for the first time in many decades. For these reasons and many others, we hope you move forward and permit this project as quickly as possible.

Thank you for reviewing our comments. Again, we urge you to permit Midas Gold's carefully prepared plan as outlined under alternative two.

Thank you!

Members of the J. J. Oberbillig Estate

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