

October 28, 2020

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

RE: Support for the Midas Gold Stibnite Gold Project

Dear Ms. Jackson:

I fully support the Stibnite Gold Project and in regard to the alternatives presented in the Environmental Impact Statement, I support Alternative 2. I also salute the many years of effort Midas Gold has made to this project. They have approached this project in an unprecedented manner with their full commitment to the reclamation of the previous Stibnite mining area. In conjunction with this commitment, the development of the Stibnite Gold Project has a sound technical approach, thoughtfulness, and consideration for sustainability.

Although I am not a local resident, nor an Idahoan, I have spent the majority of my professional career in mining, mine site remediation, and mine reclamation. I spent many years working in the Coeur d'Alene Basin, with projects in the Bunker Hill Superfund Site and for Union Pacific Railroad's (UPRR) Wallace-Mullan Branch cleanup. The UPRR 72-mile branch railroad line was successfully remediated and developed into the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes between 1998-2004.

I mention the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes as it is relevant to the Stibnite Gold Project in regard to the importance of stakeholder involvement. The State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho Parks and Recreation Department, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, and UPRR successfully negotiated an environmental cleanup leading to a welcomed asset. These stakeholders took a risk in developing this brownfield project into an asset for the public. On behalf of UPRR, working closely with the stakeholders I saw the support of the public. The Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes involved cleanup of historic mining waste and contamination, resulting in a highly regarded recreational asset to Idaho. In 2010, the Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes was named one of the top 25 trails in the U.S by the Rails to Trails Conservancy.

Parallel and much more significant, I view the Idaho Stibnite Gold Project as an important project for our times as it will - enhance the environment from the cleanup of the historic mining areas; - benefit the local and regional communities from many new and long-term jobs and commerce; - strengthen the U.S. independence for critical mineral with production of antimony and gold; and - become recognized as Idaho's world class sustainable mine for the mining industry.

Midas Gold has made a huge investment of time and money to support the Stibnite Gold Project. However, what is most notable is their commitment to their sound scientific and technical approaches, combined with their outstanding community engagement and concern for the environment.

Best regards,  
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