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United States Forest Service
Minidoka Ranger District
2306 Hiland Ave
Burley, ID 83318

Re: Black Pine Gold Project Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Minidoka Ranger District,

On behalf of the State of Idaho, the Office of Energy and Mineral Resources (OEMR) would like to extend its support for Liberty Gold's proposed Black Pine Gold Project (Black Pine). Mining is part of Idaho's legacy. Idaho's "Gem State" nickname and the miner proudly depicted on Idaho's state seal pay homage to Idaho's strongest industry at the inception of statehood. Today, the State of Idaho still proudly supports and recognizes the benefits that mining provides to not only Idaho, but the nation.

Further development at Black Pine, where decades of mining activities have already occurred, will support Idaho's mission of enhancing domestic mineral production while fostering sustainability and environmental stewardship. Idaho supports mining operations like Black Pine that create economic opportunities in rural Idaho communities and empower Idaho's hard-working citizens to pursue high-paying jobs.

Following Governor Brad Little's signing of a memorandum of understanding with the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council, OEMR plans to work in tandem with the United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and other federal agencies to create a clear and streamlined permitting process for Black Pine under the FAST-41 program. Idaho understands the importance of efficiency in permitting and seeks to drive further investment into the state by demonstrating the effectiveness of FAST-41 and the power of a coordinated state and federal permitting approach.

OEMR supports Liberty Gold's Black Pine Gold Project and looks forward to their continued contributions to Idaho's economy.

Sincerely,

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