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Comments: This letter is written in support of Midas Gold/Stibnite permitting process with the U.S. Forest Service.

Since moving to Cascade twelve years ago, one can see how this little community has struggled ever since the closing of Boise Cascade and Tamarack setbacks.

But over the years we have witnessed the community rally against all odds in an attempt to improve commerce with some success. What continues to elude Cascade are decent paying jobs, leaving the tax burden on the senior and less educated population. Communities cannot thrive without a balance of all segments of the population.

This has created a costly burden on local government and non-profits. An example is Cascade Medical Center of which I have some affiliation with depends on these groups to ensure its viability and future.

All though we will not likely benefit directly from Midas Gold success, the community as a whole will, thus providing opportunities for our younger population.

In closing I strongly support and would encourage the U.S. Forest Service to consider moving ahead with its permitting process.