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Comments: Attached please find a letter of support from Director Ronk for the Midas Gold Project.

On behalf of the Idaho Department of Commerce, I am writing to express our support of the Midas Gold Idaho Stibnite Gold Project. Midas Gold's Plan of Restoration and Operation will not only repair public lands at a legacy mine site, but will bring high wage jobs and capital investment to our state, thus enhancing economic opportunities in rural Idaho.

The citizens of the Idaho value their access to the state's wilderness areas and preserving the beauty and benefits of those lands. We also encourage the growth of Idaho companies that respect those values and work to enhance the beauty of the state. Midas Gold's plan to restore fish habitat, rehabilitate stream channels, and create wetlands is a unique opportunity that connects with the values Idahoans cherish - leaving the world a better than when they found it.

In addition to the environmental impact the project will create 400 to 500 new jobs at an average wage of \$80,000, capital investment of more than \$1 billion, estimated new state tax revenue of \$86 million and new federal corporate taxes of \$329 million, and major infrastructure and community investment that will impact Idaho and businesses throughout the area.

As the U.S. Forest Service and other state and federal agencies review the Midas Gold Idaho Stibnite Gold Project and determine the course of action, we encourage you to reach out to us at any time for additional information.