

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 10/26/2020 6:00:00 AM

First name: Katie

Last name: Crook

Organization: Western States CAT

Title:

Comments: I am writing to share my thoughts on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold project. This project has the potential to put hundreds of Idahoans to work, bring a \$1 billion investment into our state, and restore an area of Idaho's backcountry desperately in need of repair. Therefore, I am writing to you today to express my support for Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project and Alternative 2.

Midas Gold Idaho proposes a welcomed boost to our economy that will bring much needed industry activity to our area. I work with Western States CAT and know first hand the economic partnerships Midas Gold will create if they are allowed to proceed with their plans. They are committed to hiring locally and using other Idaho businesses to construct and operate their project where possible. In fact they have already invested millions of dollars into our local economy and also donated generously to local organizations. Midas Gold Idaho is expected to have an annual payroll ranging between \$34 and \$42 million. Employees on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project will earn salaries that are higher on average than the ones currently in Valley County. This project would allow Midas Gold Idaho to invest \$1 billion in the economy, provide well-paying jobs to Idahoans and grow economic opportunity in our state.

I urge you to approve the project as outlined by Midas Gold in alternative 2. The Stibnite Gold Project will provide a huge benefit to our community and the local environment.