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Comments: Attention Payette National Forest Supervisor,

This letter is to express my support of Midas Gold's Stibnite Project. Idaho needs this project to be permitted. I hope after reading my thoughts you will understand why I support Midas Gold Stibnite mine and restoration project.

The Stibnite project presents a unique opportunity for commercial and ecological restoration interests to work together for the common good of both local and national interests. This project will clean up decades of prior abuse and neglect, restore original habitat and stream flows, provide much needed employment opportunities to the Idaho economy, build up needed local infrastructure, as well as contribute to national security by providing a U.S. based scource of the strategically important mineral Antimony.

Without Midas Golds' involvement this area would in all probability never be restored and continue to languish as a forgotten place in need of cleanup and restoration. If Midas is allowed to proceed, long after the intended life of the mine and restoration, this area will become a well known success story, and provide Idahoans with another opportunity for outdoor recreation for many years to come.

As a life long resident of Idaho I have witnessed many restoration projects of areas that were exploited by interests only concerned with taking and then leaving the fallout of their actions to effect others negatively. These restorations have left a positive impact on the local and state economy through growth, economic opportunity, and tax revenue.

As I mentioned earlier, we have an opportunity before us where a commercial interest is willing to spend millions of dollars to restore this area to near original condition both during and after operations at the site cease. This can be accomplished without need for government funding, just oversight and guidance along the way. As a native Idahoan, avid outdoors person, and a patriotic American, I urge those involved to help this project move forward for the benefit of all of us. This is a unique opportunity that will probably never present itself again in our lifetimes. Please help us make the most of it while we have the chance. I urge you to make project possible and help Idaho's people and the economy.