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U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor 500 North Mission Street McCall, ID 83638

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I am writing today to voice my clear support for Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. As an Idaho State Representative, I recognize how this project will help to improve the state's economy and bolster the local community.

The environmental legacies left behind from previous mining projects in the Stibnite Mining District present an expensive burden for any state or city to take on alone. Midas Gold, however, is dedicated to restoring this land, including the damage from previous mining projects they were never involved in. Midas Gold has designed a plan that will restore salmon and steelhead fish passages with a sharp focus on improving their spawning habitat, to ensure a robust fish population for years to come. As an avid fly fisherman, who routinely fishes in that area of the state, this is of upmost importance to me.

The Stibnite Gold Project also represents a \$1 billion dollar investment in our state's economy and people. The impacts will reach all Idahoans, increasing employment, and providing an influx of tax revenue. Midas is committed to hiring and training Idahoans throughout all stages of the project, generating state and local tax revenues estimated at over \$150 million. As a father of two, I understand our education system needs improvement and can see that this type of investment in Idaho will help contribute to a brighter future for our children.

I urge you to choose Alternative 2 as presented by Midas Gold Idaho's proposal and allow the Stibnite Gold Project to commence to the benefit of the Gem State.

Sincerely.

Brent Crane

Idaho State Representative

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