

August 14, 2020

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
Attn: Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor
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Forest Supervisor Jackson,

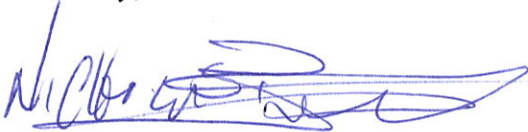
I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. If Midas Gold Idaho is allowed to move forward with their proposed gold, silver and antimony mine, they will reclaim an area impacted by historical mining, create hundreds of well-paying jobs and provide a huge boost to our economy in the process. It is a win-win for Valley County. As a Donnelly homeowner, I feel strongly that we need to permit this project.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and contribute millions of dollars in taxes. Rural Idaho needs this investment, especially with the economic uncertainty brought on by the coronavirus. Sadly, much of the economy in Valley County has been built around seasonal tourism. We need to diversify our economy and this project provides us with the perfect opportunity.

Evaluating alternative 2, it is clear Midas Gold Idaho has a strong mitigation and restoration plan. The area needs help and the company has developed a project that will have a net benefit on the environment once they are done. Plus, unlike other operators in the past, Midas Gold Idaho will be required to bond for its reclamation costs upfront, offering assurances things will be done right this time.

After reading my letter, I hope you can see why you should permit the Stibnite Gold Project as outlined in alternative 2. This project is a good thing for our community.

Sincerely,



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