



## House of Representatives State of Idaho

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

Dear Ms. Jackson,

As state representative for Idaho's 25<sup>th</sup> Legislative District, I am committed to building the best future for our state. Following the release of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Stibnite Gold Project, I would like to express my support for the incredible opportunity put forward by Midas Gold Idaho. Not only will the project positively affect our local communities, it will be a huge boon for our state's economy.

I was very impressed with Midas Gold Idaho's diligence and commitment to working with our communities. Understanding a project of this size will have impacts on a multitude of stakeholders in the area and throughout Idaho, Midas Gold has created and executed a plan that gives local communities an equal voice to provide input on and develop accountability mechanisms for the project. Such commonsense engagement on the part of the investor is cornerstone to sustainable commercial success in Idaho.

I was also encouraged by Midas Gold Idaho's interest in investing in our state. According to an independent economic analysis, the Stibnite Gold Project will generate more than \$150 million in state and local tax revenues during its 20-year duration. Meanwhile, local impacts on the economy from direct job creation are estimated at more than \$18 million per year during operations alone.

This project is the type of long-term economic and community investment that our state desperately needs. The U.S. Forest Service, through its evaluation of the proposed project and release of its draft EIS, has provided Idaho with invaluable guidance. I urge you to adopt Alternative 2 laid out by Midas Gold in their proposal and move this project forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clark Kauffman".

Clark Kauffman  
Idaho State Representative  
District 25