

Dear Payette National Forest Staff,

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project and the benefits it will bring to Idaho. In my opinion, the project will provide valuable employment and professional growth for a large number of local Idahoans. I worked at the Stibnite Gold Mine back in the late 1980' and 1990's and personally experienced these benefits.

The project has potential to bring significant economic benefits to Idaho, a state that dearly needs it. Under Alternative 2 of the project, Midas Gold will also help to improve water quality at and surrounding the site. Why not let modern mining mitigate the tolls of historic production.

As most know, the history of mining at the project was largely influenced by the need for tungsten which directly benefited all citizens of the United States. In my opinion, it is the responsibility of you, (the regulators) to complete two tasks. First, approve Alternative 2 of the DEIS and second, encourage Midas Gold Idaho to complete a full feasibility study of the project. Personally, I do not believe the prefeasibility study is at sufficient detail to initiate construction.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using the preferred alternative presented by Midas Gold, as expeditiously as possible.

Thanks for your time,

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