

DEAR MS JACKSON,

I want to take a moment to tell you my thoughts of the Midas Gold Project. I am in 100% favor of the project. I am not a great grammar person so bear with me. The minerals that will be mined will benefit the country as a whole. There will be less need to import raw materials from other countries. The U.S.A. NEEDS to become more independent of imports. The jobs that will be created is a HUGE benefit to Idaho, even though construction is booming I believe it is short lived. Given the mine will also not be a 25yr project the benefits outweigh the longevity. The restoration of the current site is a need that never fulfilled. I am an Idaho native; seeing the possibility of this project really brightens my day. Idaho economy needs this project.

I would have one reservation: Midas Gold needs to use Idaho Companies for supplying the needs of the mine. Examples-- Idaho based companies to supply food, housing, energy products.....Winco foods, I would assume they will need propane and Diesel, after research Valley Wide Cooperative is the only Idaho based company that could handle the volume they would need. Idaho Power is the only one for electricity. There are many other services that I could not even imagine they would need. Office supplies---"Pencilmans" is a small local company out of Boise.

I do not know if the forest can recommend Midas to use Idaho companies, if so please recommend.

This project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit alternative 2 so this brownfield site can finally be restored.

Sincerely,

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