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

Hello,

I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Midas Gold has shown they are committed to Idaho and want to take care of the environment. I work for Western State CAT and have seen them prove this for over a decade.

It was important to me that Midas Gold found a safe access route to the site during construction and operations. I feel confident in the company's plan to use Burntlog Road and limit the number of daily trips, as outlined under alternative 2. It keeps traffic out of known avalanche dangers and away from important fish-bearing waterways. Midas plans to bus employees into the site and have them stay there during their shifts. This seemingly small decision will greatly reduce the number of vehicles on the road and help prevent accidents.

The Stibnite Gold Project will also bring significant economic impact to the area. Midas Gold has committed to hiring, contracting, and purchasing supplies and services locally whenever possible. In fact, to date, Midas Gold has spent over \$89 million in Idaho by prioritizing local vendors and contractors.

Midas Gold Idaho wants to invest \$1 billion in our state, bring more than 1,000 jobs to rural Idaho and still provide access to Idaho's public lands. This is the type of project our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to pick alternative 2 as the preferred alternative moving forward.

Have a good day,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Josh Kelly'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke for the 'j' and a large, looped 'K'.

Josh Kelly