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Comments: This letter is to inform the Payette National Forest of Diamond Fuel and Feed, Inc. view point regarding the Stibnite (Midas Gold Project). Our team feels that this will be a benefit for our community here in Cascade. It will supply the necessary jobs, improve our fish migration, and provide one of the critical minerals we need to be independent from foreign relations. Midas Golds plan to improve our economy in Cascade, Idaho is to provide more jobs. Currently this project will provide five hundred direct jobs with an average salary of \$80,000. Due to our current status as a county the average person brings home \$25,000-\$30,000 a year. This is pushing people out of our community and into bigger cities. With the improvement of the salaries we would expect to see a better school district, safer environment for our children, and reliable resources. The mining activist that happened decades ago was completed with no recourse. With the updated technology and improved safety development Midas Gold will see that this land is improved instead of destroyed. During this endeavor they will provide water quality by reprocessing and safely storing millions of tons of historical tailings. Along with this improvement they will be able to restore the fish migration pattern back to the original spawning grounds. This has been blocked for over eighty years. The flow of the East Fork and South Fork of the salmon River will be natural. This will support the fish passage after decades of pouring into an abandoned mining pit. This will also improve the ecosystem which will be for a long-term use. Midas Gold is fully bonded to ensure restoration occurs. Diamond Fuel and Feed has contributed to the fuel hauls for the past 10 years. During this time Midas Gold takes every precaution to ensure that the fuel arrives with no issues. This requires a Hazmat team, pilot cars, and routes planned out. Midas Gold also informs local Law Enforcement, EMS, and Fire Department of there fuel haul. Midas Gold strives to communicate through each process with all appropriate entities. Midas Gold is working towards improving our mineral supplies. Currently China holds most of the control of these minerals. When Midas Gold is able to move forward with this project, they will be able to supply one of the 35 critical minerals. The mineral antimony and this project will be the United States only source of this mineral. Due to this it will provide us some domestic security and supply chain independence. Diamond Fuel and Feed would like to see this project moving forward and will provide any input requested. Midas Gold is taking the necessary steps to ensure that our environment is going to improve and will not be destroyed by this project. Midas Gold has the support of Diamond Fuel and Feed, Inc. regarding this project. We are excited to see what our future will be here in Valley County.