

Ms. Linda Jackson, Payette Forest Supervisor

I, Mary Lee Crump is in full support of the USFS approving Alternative 2 of the Stibnite Midas Gold Project (SGP) and allowing the project to move forward namely for the fact that Midas will reprocess legacy tailings to remove contaminants that are polluting area streams such as arsenic, antimony and mercury for many years.

Midas has already started restoration efforts to reduce sediment, improve road conditions and has planted thousands of trees which demonstrates that they are truly interested in improving the environmental damages left over from past mining operations. The USFS must make sure that the restoration efforts will be ongoing throughout the project life and not wait until the restoration phase as in the past mining projects.

Additionally, this project can bring economic opportunity to our area where a Midas employee can make a great living wage along with a benefit package that is probably one of the best in the State of Idaho. I hope that school enrollment at Salmon River High School will increase since families can now live again in Riggins and have a great job with Midas but still have lots of time to enjoy all of the recreational opportunities that our area has to offer.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on the SGP, how it will improve the environment and the job opportunities it will provide but this will only happen if the USFS allows the project to go forward by issuing all of the necessary permits.

Sincerely,

Mary Lee Crump

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