

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

I have reviewed the Alternative 2 and met with members of Midas Gold Idaho to better understand the company's plans for the Stibnite Gold Project. Below are my comments on the plan to be included in the comment period.

Midas Gold has committed to hiring, contracting, and purchasing supplies and services locally whenever possible. As an employee of OK Gravel, we have been working with Midas Gold with excavation and equipment management. To date, Midas Gold has spent over \$89 million in Idaho by prioritizing local vendors and contractors.

Midas Gold has worked hard to ensure the safety of the community during construction and operations of the Stibnite Gold Project. To minimize travel near important waterways, Midas Gold has proposed using Burntlog Road. This allows the company to take advantage of existing Forest Service roads and reduce travel on Johnson Creek and South Fork Road – both of which are heavily used by recreationalists. This plan maximizes safety and ensures all Idahoans have access to our public lands.

As the U.S. Forest Service and other state and federal agencies review the proposed plan and determine the course of action, I encourage you to consider and appropriately weigh the positive benefits Midas Gold will have on Idaho. Alternative 2 presented by Midas Gold Idaho truly is a win-win opportunity for Idahoans and the environment.

Best Wishes,

Dan W. Walker