

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

Dear Linda Jackson,

First let me say I appreciate all the work the Forest Service has done to not only evaluate the Midas Gold Stibnite proposal but also to ensure that the public has full access to information regarding the plan. Thank you.

After examining that information, including your EIS, I am writing to ask that you approve the Stibnite project.

Taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for environmental damage done by careless mining operations. Unfortunately, going back to the companies that did that damage to the East Fork of the South Fork of the Salmon River so many years ago is impossible – they are long gone.

What we do have is Midas Gold, a modern, responsible mining company committed to extracting Idaho mineral resources without doing harm to water or soil. And while they are at it, they will clean up the legacy mining damage that causes so many problems in Stibnite and Yellow Pine today. Your EIS details the positive impacts Midas Gold will produce.

Idaho taxpayers are not going to get a better deal than that. Local residents will not get more benefits either, in everything from a stronger area economy to new jobs to regained access to the recreational benefits of a clean river flowing through their community.

I know many other locals have written to you in support of the Midas Gold proposal. Please listen to us and allow Midas Gold to implement their plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Newcomb". The signature is written in a cursive style.