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

Dear Linda;

I want to share my strong support for Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project and ask that you move forward with the project as soon as possible. As someone who lives in rural Idaho, I am fully aware of the importance of projects such as these to local communities.

During the construction period alone, this project would directly employ 600 to 700 people with an annual payroll equaling \$42 million to \$49 million. Many of these jobs will come from Valley County and the surrounding areas. During operations, the company anticipates 500 direct jobs with an annual payroll estimated around \$50 million.

These positions range from management, administration, equipment operators, general laborers, mechanics, electricians, engineers, surveyors, geologists and environmental and safety specialists. Midas Gold has committed to prioritizing the hiring of local residents and contractors throughout the life of the project and is committed to providing opportunity to the people who live near the site.

As a small business owner, I appreciate the work, investment and commitment to Idaho the company is putting forward regarding the project. I ask that you move forward with the Stibnite project and think alternative two is the best option for all Idahoans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam Riley". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Sam Riley
Owner, Crossfire Fencing