

To Concerned Payette National Forest Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of Midas Gold Idaho's comment period. I have been closely following Midas Gold Idaho's plans since they first came into our state, in large part because much of the proposed project will take place on public land. The more I have learned about the project, the more excited I am about the possibilities for the future.

I love this project - it's a win-win for everyone. Especially protecting the environment - that's so important to me.

If the Stibnite Gold Project moves forward, it will be the only antimony mine in the America. This important mineral is used as a metal strengthener and fire retardant. It is used in everything from batteries, textiles, cell phones, plastics and cable sheathing. Right now, we important all of our antimony. With all that is currently going on in the world, it is more important than ever that we not rely solely on foreign countries for minerals of such great importance. It is estimated that the Stibnite Gold Project could provide approximately one-quarter of American demand for antimony.

The comment period for the project was already extended once. The U.S. Forest Service has given the public more than adequate time to comment, plus tools that make reviewing the document easy and a virtual meeting room to make information more digestible. It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to continue to move the project forward and permit the site using alternative 2 as the guide.

Regards,

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