

Dear US National Forest Service Staff,

I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Midas Gold has shown they are committed to Idaho and want to take care of the environment. I hope you move forward and permit this project as quickly as possible.

The Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho and our country. While the site is rich in gold deposits it also has deposits of antimony - a mineral designated critical by the U.S. government. In fact, the Stibnite Gold Project is the largest known deposit of antimony in the country. We depend heavily on China for this mineral. Antimony is crucial to the defense and energy industries and is in many items we use on a daily basis, like our cell phones. Permitting the Stibnite Gold Project will allow us to have a domestic resource for this very important mineral.

While the economic benefits of this project cannot be ignored, it also will transform an area in need for environmental repair. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward as outlined in alternative 2 within this 60-day comment period.

Best Wishes,

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