

Dear Payette National Forest Supervisor,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as it will directly impact me and my access to the backcountry. I fully support the mining of our resources instead of getting them from foreign entities.

It recommended several measures for the Interior Department and its subagencies, including the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, to remove obstacles to critical mineral development and make it easier to get permits.

It said the BLM and Forest Service should review all areas that are currently "withdrawn" or protected "from development and assess whether those restrictions should be lifted or reduced to allow for critical mineral development.

Commerce also proposed altering how the Interior Department and its agencies review mining projects under the bedrock National Environmental Policy Act, urging expedited environmental studies and identifying minerals which can be excluded from environmental reviews.

The Stibnite Gold Project is the type of project our state needs. I highly encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit this project, using alternative two presented by Midas Gold, as expeditiously as possible. We need the benefits of this project now.

I urge you to approve the project as outlined by Midas Gold in Alternative 2, it is the best of the alternatives outlined by the USFS. The Stibnite Gold Project will provide a huge benefit to our community and the local environment. The USFS has taken meaningful measures to ensure the public has had enough time and resources during the public comment period.

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