

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

I am writing to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho. I believe this project has the potential to revamp Idaho's economy with domestic production of critical minerals. I want to thank you for giving folks the additional 15 days, turns out 60 days was plenty of time to comment, I just needed to sit down and write the letter.

China currently serves as the leading source of antimony for the United States, and by supporting this plan from Midas Gold, we can help shift American reliance off of foreign countries and build reliable infrastructure right here in our nation. The Stibnite Mining District has the largest known deposit of antimony in the U.S., and it would be a missed opportunity not to take advantage of that. With China recently considering further restricting exports of other critical minerals, we must be careful when considering approval of important projects such as this one.

With the Department of Defense relying heavily on this important mineral, we must seriously consider the importance of meeting our government needs and strengthening national security. The 11,000 tons of antimony needed by the Department of Defense has not been met yet.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input to the U.S. Forest Service and offer comment in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. I ask you to adopt Alternative 2 laid out by Midas Gold Idaho.

Thank you,

Marge Battaglia