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United States Forest Service.

This letter is to express my support of Midas Gold's Stibnite Gold Project. America needs this project to be permitted. I hope after reading my thoughts you will understand why my support for Midas Gold Idaho is so strong.

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 antinomy 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.

I found the 60 days allotted and the digital tools provided by the USFS meaningful and sufficient for public review. Midas Gold wants to restore the rivers, wildlife and habitat near the Stibnite Gold Project site, help decrease America's dependence on foreign countries for critical minerals and bring economic stability to the region. We should let them. Please permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward.

Best Wishes,

Heather Smith