

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest  
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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.

If approved, this project would not only help fix longstanding environmental issues in the area but would also provide a source of domestic antimony, which is key in defense and technology production. Being formerly deployed myself I cannot understate the importance of this mineral in providing our military with the supplies they need.

The military relies heavily on antimony. It is used in high tech electronics such as night vision goggles, communications equipment, infrared sensors, explosives formulations, and ammunition primers. Antimony is used in hardening lead in bullets and shrapnel, in armor piercing projectiles, and in nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants on submarines and warships. It helps remove impurities in glass and is important in the production of military binoculars, precision optics and laser sighting and survey equipment. The Stibnite Mining District is home to the largest known antimony deposit in the United States.

For these reasons, please permit the Stibnite Gold Project and continue to move this important project forward.

Best wishes,

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