

U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest
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I am proud to welcome Midas Gold Idaho into our state and proud to support the Stibnite Gold Project. I am a military veteran and I believe this project would benefit the local community and economy.


Mining critical minerals in the area, such as antimony. 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. It 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.

According to the USGS, there was zero U.S. domestic mine production of antimony in 2019 and there is only one processing facility in Montana producing minor amounts of antimony metal and oxide from recycled materials and imported feedstock. As a result, America is dependent on imports to meet its antimony needs.

Luckily, the Stibnite Mining District is home to the largest known antimony deposit in the United States.

For these economic and national security reasons, I ask you to support/approve Alternative 2 proposed by Midas Gold Idaho.

Best,


JOE SHOPLOCK