

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

My community is adjacent to the Stibnite mining district. As a military veteran, I am grateful to Midas Gold for investing in our community and mining key antimony supplies.

Antimony is considered a critical mineral by the U.S. government for its use in national defense, aerospace and energy industries. The Stibnite Mining District is home to the largest known antimony deposit in the United States, and according to a recent study, this project will produce over 100 million pounds of 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 also 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.

I look forward to the future opportunities this mining project will bring to our community and our military operations. I urge you to approve Alternative 2 outlined by Midas Gold Idaho.

Warmest Regards,

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