

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

I am writing to you as a proud military veteran, local Valley County resident and strong proponent of the Midas Gold Stibnite Mine project. I urge you to approve Alternative 2, because it is the best option to move forward with the project.

As you know, antimony is considered a critical mineral by the U.S. government for its use in several sectors including national defense. 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.

America is now dependent on imports to meet its antimony needs.

The Stibnite Gold Project will fix this issue because the Mining District is home to the largest known antimony deposit in the United States. In its 2014 Prefeasibility Study, Midas Gold indicated the Stibnite Gold Project will produce over 100 million pounds of antimony.

Thank you for letting me submit comments on this issue. I urge you to support Alternative 2 recommended by Midas Gold Idaho, because our nation's antimony stockpile depends on it.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thom Bey". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.