

USFS,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback as part of Midas Gold Idaho's public permitting process.

If the Stibnite Gold Project moves forward, it will be the only antimony mine in America. This important mineral is used as a metal strengthener and fire retardant. It is used in everything from batteries, textiles, cell phones, plastics, and cable sheathing. Right now, we import all of our antimony. With all that is currently going on in the world, it is more important than ever that we not rely solely on foreign countries for minerals of such great importance. It is estimated that the Stibnite Gold Project could provide approximately one-quarter of American demand for antimony.

While the economic benefits of this project cannot be ignored, it also will transform an area in need of environmental repair. It is for all of these reasons that I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward as outlined in alternative 2 within this 60-day comment period.

Yours,

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