

Attention Ms. Jackson,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project as it will directly impact our national security.

As with our move to energy independence, I believe that the USA needs to take advantage of its own metal resources and not be dependent on foreign countries, that are often hostile to American interests. The metals mined from this sight, Au, In and Ag are essential for advancing our scientific interests and we should not be dependent on any other country for our survival and health as we recently were on China during the current CCP virus pandemic. It appears that Midas Gold is and plans to take the necessary precautions and safe guards to protect the environment and in fact has proposed to clean up the mess from previous mining activity in the area. This activity will also generate good jobs for US citizens. I feel strongly that Alternative 2 is the best option moving forward. It addresses the purpose and need of the agencies in a manner that provides environmental advantage and economic feasibility over the other analyzed alternatives. With so much promise for the site's future, I hope Alternative 5 is removed from the table. There is finally an opportunity to restore the site and it is an opportunity that shouldn't be passed up.

There has been more than sufficient time to comment on the Stibnite Gold Project. I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and adopt Alternative two as the preferred alternative.

Sincerely,

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