

To Concerned Payette National Forest Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Draft EIS period for the Stibnite Gold Project.

If the Stibnite Gold Project moves forward, it will be the only antimony mine in the 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 important 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.

Thank you for reviewing my comments. Again, I urge you to permit Midas Gold's carefully thought out plan as outlined under alternative two.

Respectfully,

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