

Hello,

I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. Thank you for allowing me time to provide my feedback as part of the National Environmental Policy Act.

About a year ago, I learned about the Stibnite Gold Project and its plans to moves forward with the mine. Knowing It will be the only antimony mine in America is important to me. I've been in the plastics business for over 30 years and have seen the use of plastic and many plastic manufacturing companies move over seas. Not only is the mineral used in plastic but as a metal strengthener, fire retardant and used in batteries, textiles, cell phones and cable sheathing. Right now, the United States imports all of our antimony. With everything going on in the world today, it's more important than ever that we not rely on foreign countries for minerals of such great importance and It's estimated that the Stibnite Gold Project could provide approximately one-quarter of American demand for antimony.

I appreciate your time and thoughtfulness. I have personally been to the Stibnite Mine site and support Midas Gold, Idaho in this project. The USFS has provided plenty of tools to review the DEIS which made commenting within the 60-day timeframe possible. For the reasons I stated in my letter above, please permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2 and let Idahoans see the benefits of this important project.

Have a good day,

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