

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Stibnite Gold Project as part of the National Environmental Policy Act. I believe the project can help stop America's import reliance on antimony and address legacy impacts in the historic Stibnite Mining District. I hope my letter will help as you evaluate the recently published SDEIS.

The Stibnite project is important to me because it will strengthen our national security through the production of antimony. Right now, the U.S. relies on foreign countries for this mineral. These days, I think Americans value a domestic supply chain for such important minerals more than ever. The project at Stibnite could produce over 100 million pounds of antimony and become our only domestically mined source in the entire country. Antimony is used to make electronics and batteries and is also a critical mineral for national defense and the energy industry. With the uncertainties that the Coronavirus brought to our world and current war in Ukraine, I want our country to do everything it can to protect us from the uncertainty of changing markets and trade wars. I also feel confident in the company's 2021 Modified Mine Plan. In the SDEIS, the company has managed to eliminate the need for long-term water treatment, improve water quality and shrink the size of the project footprint by 13 percent.

The permitting process is working. The plan for the Stibnite Gold Project is improved. Now, it is time to move this project forward to a final record of decision.

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