

America desperately needs antimony. This mineral is used in munitions, large-capacity storage batteries, fire retardants and more. Currently, we are entirely dependent on foreign countries to provide this mineral, which is why I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. This project can stop our import reliance on antimony.

One of the top reasons why I support Perpetua Resources' plans is because it will secure an American source of antimony. The federal government deemed antimony a critical mineral because of its use in the energy and national defense industries. Today, there is no domestic source of this mineral. Most of it comes from China or Russia, which makes our country vulnerable. America's military depend on antimony to protect our country and stay safe. The mineral is used in munitions, military clothing, night vision goggles, infrared sensors and more. It is irresponsible to continue relying on our adversaries to provide us with antimony. I have reviewed the plan and believe the Burntlog option will allow the company to mine safely, minimize the impacts to the environment and help protect our national security.

The Stibnite Gold Project is important to Idaho, our national security and clean energy future. Regulators have been reviewing the project for the past 6 years. This time has allowed the project to improve and, now, I encourage you to permit the project as quickly as possible.

Stephen Hickey