

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement period for the Stibnite Gold Project. This project could help stop our import reliance on China and Russia for antimony and improve environmental conditions at an abandoned mine site. It is important to me to see this project move forward.

I've read the economic impacts section of the SDEIS, which estimates that the full compensation for Stibnite Gold Mine jobs would be \$67700/year and \$96600/year after accounting for health and employee benefits. The document says that this is about the same as the area's prevailing Davis Bacon rates of \$20-30/hour. You don't need to be good at math to see that the Stibnite Gold Mine jobs are going to pay a lot more than a Davis Bacon job – even \$30/hour is less than \$67k/year. Add in \$30000 in annual benefits and these are excellent jobs, the kind much needed for local workers to support local families, especially given inflation.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward, especially now with the further improvements to water quality conditions on site. This is just one example of how the permitting process has worked to improve the plan.

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