

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. Important to note, the top 3 countries we import antimony from is China, Russia, and Tajikistan - all countries that are hostile to our national security interests.

America needs antimony and gold. We need to strengthen our supply chains and bring mining home. It's important to note that people are concerned about mining's impacts on the environment; the good news is that qualified regulators identified Perpetua Resources refined plan as it preferred alternative because they determined the company could mine while minimizing impacts on the environment and communities. One of the ways the company does that is by using Burntlog Road. This road reduces the number of stream crossings for mine traffic compared to the Johnson Creek Route, reduces the chances of accidents with recreationalists and minimizes the impacts of potential spills. By keeping traffic away from river crossings, it also lowers sedimentation impacts from mining.

Let Idahoans see the benefits of the Stibnite Gold Project. The USFS has reviewing the project for the last six years. During this time, the company has reduced the project size by 13% in the SDEIS, decreased maximum water temperature to keep it at or below baseline conditions and eliminated the need for long-term water treatment. The review process is working and now we need regulators to advance the project as expeditiously as possible.

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