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Comments: It is with great pleasure that I write to the U.S. Forest Service to encourage you to permit the proposed activities outlined by Midas Gold in Alternative 2 during this public input process.

If the Stibnite Gold Project moves forward, it will be the only antimony mine in the America. This important mineral is used as a metal strengthener and fire retardant. It is used in everything from batteries, textiles, cell phones, plastics and cable sheathing. Right now, we important all of our antimony. With all that is currently going on in the world, it is more important than ever that we not rely solely on foreign countries for minerals of such great importance. It is estimated that the Stibnite Gold Project could provide approximately one-quarter of American demand for antimony.

I encourage the USFS to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward and permit Midas Gold Idaho's project as outlined in alternative 2 in the DEIS.