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Comments: Aside from the various properties undergoing review in Montana, I have closely followed Midas Gold Idaho's plans for several years. I am excited to finally have the opportunity to comment on their Draft EIS

Midas Gold Idaho presents a huge opportunity for the Gem State. The Project will be the U.S.'s only source of mined

antimony thus making Idaho the only U.S. supplier of this listed critical mineral. It is needed for important technological, industrial and defense applications and necessary for the country's domestic security and supply chain independence. The U.S. Department of Commerce lists antimony as one of 35 critical minerals. China controls most of the world's supply of antimony.

Furthermore, The Project presents huge economic opportunities for Idaho. Not only is it a ~\$1.1 billion dollar investment in Idaho, the company will spend an additional \$2+ billion over the life of the Project. Likewise, the Project will create ~500 direct jobs with an average salary of ~\$80,000 during operations and ~500 indirect jobs in the immediate surrounding area in its support: supplies, housing, food, etc. Lastly, the Project will add ~\$200 million direct and ~\$500 million of indirect and induced state and federal taxes over the life of the Project. That is pure win-win!

Midas Gold has made it clear reclamation efforts will start alongside operations. They have worked to find safe access routes to the site that keeps vehicles away from our precious waterways. Plus, the company is trying to minimize their impact on the environment by keeping facilities within the existing footprint of historic mining operations.

I would like to thank the U.S. Forest Service for providing the opportunity, and sufficient time, to comment on this important project's permitting process. I hope the U.S. Forest Service will realize the benefits this project and permit the Stibnite Gold Project using alternative 2.