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Comments: Attention payette national forest supervisor,

I am writing to express my full support of Midas Gold Idaho and the Stibnite Gold Project. Midas Gold has shown they are committed to Idaho and want to take care of the environment. I hope you move forward and permit this project as quickly as possible.

The Stibnite project is important to me is because it will strengthen our national security through the production of antimony. Right now, the U.S. relies on foreign countries for this mineral. These days, I think Americans value a domestic supply chain for such important minerals more than ever. The project at Stibnite could produce over 100 million pounds of antimony and become our only domestically mined source in the entire country. Antimony is used to make electronics and batteries and is also a critical mineral for national defense and the energy industry. With the uncertainties that the Coronavirus has brought to our world, I want our country to do everything it can to protect us from the uncertainty of changing markets and trade wars.

This Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho. I am grateful for the tools the Forest Service has provided to review the DEIS and learn more about the project. These tools will give Idahoans and other Americans sufficient time to comment. Please permit alternative 2 and continue moving the project forward so our citizens can reap the positive impacts.

Please note, I do not live in Idaho but feel strongly about bringing back to America all those industries and re-opening previous mining that are critical to our defense and independence of foreign countries.