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Comments: I am writing to express my views on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold Project. The opportunity presented by the Stibnite Gold Project is compelling for many reasons and it is a project I am committed to seeing come to fruition. The Stibnite Gold Project is a huge opportunity for Idaho and our country.

During my time with Western States CAT, I have learned about this critical minerals project at Stibnite. It abundantly clear to me that is a comprehensive project with unique solutions that will help our economy and our country.

While the site is rich in gold deposits it also has deposits of antimony- a mineral designated critical by the U.S. government. In fact, the Stibnite Gold Project is the largest known deposit of antimony in the country. We depend heavily on China for this mineral. Antimony is crucial to the defense and energy industries and is in many items we use on a daily basis, like our cell phones. Permitting the Stibnite Gold Project will allow us to have a domestic resource for this very important mineral.

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.