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Comments: U.S.F.S. Officials,

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.

The Stibnite project is important to me 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.

Safety is also a core value for Midas Gold. Employees follow strict safety protocols and the company has implemented programs to help employees evaluate potential safety risks around them throughout their shifts. Every day, Midas Gold employees work hard to keep one another, the environment and wildlife safe.

The comment period for the project was already extended once. The U.S. Forest Service has given the public more than adequate time to comment, plus tools that make reviewing the document easy and a virtual meeting room to make information more digestible. It is with this knowledge that I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to continue to move the project forward and permit the site using Alternative 2 as the guide.

Thank You,

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