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Comments: Dear Permitting Officials,

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 site is rich in gold deposits but it also has antimony, which was recently deemed a critical by the federal government. Antimony is used as a fire retardant and metal strengthener. It is used in everything from batteries, textiles, cell phones, plastics and cable sheathing. Right now, the U.S. doesn't have a domestic antimony mine. The Stibnite Gold Project could provide one-quarter of the American demand for antimony in the country. This is so important with the current tenuous trade relations in our country.

For the above reasons and many more, please move forward with alternative 2 of the Stibnite Gold Project as it is important to all Idahoans. The comment period provides plenty of time to read the DEIS and submit comments. Further extensions of the comment period are unnecessary and will needlessly delay the project.

I would like to add that this is an extremely environmentally friendly project. It will not only restore the area currently proposed but also clean up damage done from other historical mining in the area. This last point is very important to me. I am totally against the Pebble Bay project in Alaska, proposed by Northern Dynasty, because of the extreme permanent environmental damage that will result if that project is allowed.

Thanks Again,

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