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Comments: Dear Ms. Linda Jackson,

I am writing to convey my support of the Stibnite Gold Project as it is an opportunity that would help strengthen ournational security through access to critical minerals here on U.S. soil. Midas Gold is looking to introduce a new era of responsible, sustainable mining that will give the U.S. access to minerals which we have previously relied on other countries fo r.

The largest antimony deposit in the U.S. is housed in the Stibnite Mining District. Historically, this district once provided 90% of the nation's source of the product and helped the U.S. make it through WWII and the Korean War. After Japan's invasion of China cut supplies, production at Stibnite was shelved and deemed critical toward the war effort. Since then, the U.S. has had to rely on Chin a for the resource but after tough tariffs, we must reconsider lifting this financial burden of our nation and consider the national security implications associated with mining right here in the U.S.

The Department of Defense recommends stockpiling 11,000 tons of antimony for safety purposes - and we have not been close to meeting this quota. The military relies heavily on this valuable product as it is used in high tech electronics, night vision goggles, communications equipment, and infrared sensors. In addition, this critical resource is used in manufacturing and energy industries. Without antimony, the metals needed for these industries would be less resilient and more susceptible to failure. Antimony is also being tested for innovative, future uses to create lithium ion batteries, infrared photodetection, LED lighting, and fuel cells. We must consider the potential Stibnite can create for the future.

After reviewing the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) I believe Alternative 2 is a good choice for the US Forest Service to move forward with. Compared to the other alternatives it completes the project the fastest and is an upgrade from their original proposal. In fact, it includes adjustments that reduces disturbance to wetlands, lessens potential impacts to water quality and watertemperature, decreases mine traffic by over 25%, and provides the greatest degree of reclamation and restoration benefits.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my comment on a plan that has the opportunity to benefit so many. I hope you will adopt Alternative 2 and allow the U.S. start mining antimony here at home.