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Comments: I am writing to express my support for the Stibnite Gold Project proposed by Midas Gold Idaho. I believe this project has the potential to revamp Idaho's economy with domestic production of critical minerals.

The Stibnite Gold Project will help source Antimony, a critical mineral used in development for national defense, energy, and aerospace industries. China currently serves as the leading source of antimony for the United States, and by supporting this plan from Midas Gold, we can help shift American reliance off of foreign countries and build reliable infrastructure tight here in our nation. The Stibnite Mining District has the largest known deposit of antimony in the U.S., and it would be a missed opportunity not to take advantage of that.

Aside from a minor amount of mined antimony from one processing facility in Montana, America is 100% dependent on foreign imports to meet needs for this imp01iant mineral. China serves as an unstable source in a constantly shifting geopolitical climate, making the supply chain unce1tain, and especially in times like the COVID-19 pandemic. In fact, China placed restrictions on antimony-related exports for several yearn - which reduced availability and made prices costly. With China recently considering further restricting exports of other critical minerals, we must be careful when considering approval of imp01tant projects such as this one.

With the Department of Defense relying heavily on this important mineral, we must seriously consider the importance of meeting our government needs and strengthening national security. The 11,000 tons of antimony needed by the Department of Defense has not been met yet.

I appreciate the opportunity to provide input to the U.S. Forest Service and offer comment in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. I ask you to adopt Alternative 2 laid out by Midas Gold Idaho.