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Comments: This comment is submitted because I am in favor of the Stibnite Gold Project. I belive in and will advocate for responsible resource development when it clearly benefits both the local and national economy. In addition, this mining effort will develop reserves of stibnite domestically, versus purchased from overseas sources that are in Asia or Russia. The benefits of domestic development extend beyond the economic component but also function to ensure mining activity is conducted within the regulatory framework that will help ensure the environmental impacts are reduced by careful planning and development. A significant benefit will be provided to local residents in the form of direct and indirect employment and provide for a long-term economic stimulus to Idaho. The project will engage multiple skill-sets that will provide employment to a wide range of individuals and further their knowledge and understanding of proper resource development. Stibnite Gold has already developed an active community outreach program and shared information about the project with the local community and State of Idaho. This open minded approach further underscores their commitments and a willingness to stand up as a corporate citizen and acknowledge that it's success is based not only upon a skilled workforce but the longevity of the project. This in turn provides opportunity for long-term employment along with the associated benefits the industry can provide.

I believe it far better to develop domestic reserves of strategic minerals versus reliance upon foreign governments that elect to halt exports as a means to leverage and bring about economic disruption.

The Stibnite Gold Project has conducted significant research into habitat restoration and as this project develops I believe it will maintain the same standards it has demonstrated. Failure to do so risks loss of permits to operate as well as other penalties under existing laws and I have no reason to suspect that this extreme would occur.

Therefore, I strongly advocate for the US Forest Service to find that this project has been adequately planned and sufficiently assessed in order for the necessary permits to be granted for the Stibnite Gold Project.

Respectfully,

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