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Public Comment Stibnite Gold Project EIS 50516

I would like to comment on the above project.

We support Stibnite Gold Project, Alternative 1 or 2, the Proposed Action.

1.Antimony is a critical and strategic metal required by US industries. Executive Order 13817, on February 16, 2018. In 2019, no marketable antimony was mined in the United States. Imports of 52% from China, Primary antimony metal and oxide were produced by one company in Montana using imported feedstock. 2019-USGS

2.The proposed process flow sheet is sound, and this mine/process will provide the US of a valuable critical and strategic metal. A WAD of 10 ppm is very low, environmentally sound, and acceptable for a lined tails storage facility.

3.The proposed project will bring good paying jobs to the local community and will far outweigh any adverse loss of public use of the public land.

4.Restoration of the historically impacted Stibnite Gold Project site, will be great for environment, fish, recreation, etc.

5.Any alternative to the proposed project selected must have an economic investigation quantified in the EIS so the public can adequately address the economic effects on the community by any alternatives proposed.

6.The EIS must follow the US mining law to follow US Congress as established by Public Law 91-631,The Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970 which states:

"The Congress declares that it is the continuing policy of the Federal Government in the national interest to foster and encourage private enterprise in (1) the development of economically sound and stable domestic mining, minerals, metal and mineral reclamation industries." 30 U.S.C. 21a.

In general, this project will provide for the environmental sound mining on historic mine site that need restoration in central Idaho. The mine offers the rural Idaho population with good paying jobs, which supports a healthy tax base for the US Government, the State of Idaho, as well as the local schools. Domestic production of strategic and critical metals is vital to the US balance of trade and is essential to the local economy. The proposed action by Midas Gold Co. is crucial to the continued economic livelihood of Idaho and the US.

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