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Comments: I would like to express my support for Midas Gold's Stibnite project in Idaho. I am familiar with, and have visited, the project -the first time in 1997. Each time, I was impressed not only with the deposit's robust geologic attributes and size of its mineral endowment but with the obvious opportunity to restore the area via new and modern planning and mining. At over 4.6 million contained gold ounces and nearly 200 million pounds of contained antimony, the Stibnite project ranks as one of the largest, undeveloped gold deposits in North America. I believe this project can be a viable mine, generating jobs for the state of Idaho and taxes for local, state and federal coffers. I would like to thank the USFS for providing the opportunity, and sufficient time, to comment on this important project's permitting process.

Mining, by its very nature, creates new wealth and value through production and sales of commodities deemed valuable and desirable by society. The gold at Stibnite is such a commodity. On top of its impressive gold content, new mining at Stibnite will also produce antimony. As you know, the U.S. Geological Survey ("USGS"), includes antimony in its list of strategic natural resources. In addition to its use in common consumer applications, antimony is an important commodity for the US military. However, the US produced no antimony in 2019 and had to import from other countries, some of which are not overly friendly to the US, to meet its needs. In my opinion, to reduce our dependence on foreign sources, the US must encourage domestic production of key minerals, like antimony. One such domestic source is the Stibnite project in Idaho.

Notwithstanding Midas Gold's rights under the General Mining Law, I believe Midas Gold has the vision, the will and the wherewithal to develop and produce gold and antimony from Stibnite in accordance applicable Federal and State regulations. More importantly,'

I applaud Midas Gold's vision and encourage the USFS to see that this project is permitted without delay. To the USFS, I say do work with the company to help them succeed in this creative, economic opportunity to send a signal that government agencies and bona fide companies, like Midas Gold, can work together for the good of Idaho, the US and the environment. To let this project languish serves no purpose and will, eventually, saddle the public with costs that can be avoided.