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America cannot rely on China and other foreign countries to keep our military safe.

Right now, we have the opportunity to protect the brave men and women who serve our country by permitting the Stibnite Gold Project and securing a domestic source of antimony. We owe it to them to move this project forward.

Antimony is used in munitions, flares, precision optics, and infrared sensors. It is irresponsible of us to rely on our global rivals to provide America with some of its most important minerals.

Perpetua Resources has developed a plan to mine the area safely and responsibly. The project will not only provide our troops with mission critical minerals, but it will also inject millions of dollars into Idaho's economy, provide hundreds of jobs to hardworking Americans and generate the funding needed to clean up this historic mining district.

It is time to protect our troops. It is time for the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward.

Sincerely,

BARBARA Smith