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Comments: U.S. Forest Service,
We need a secure, domestic source of the mineral antimony to keep the brave men and women who serve our country safe. This critical mineral is key to the national defense industry and used in everything from munitions and infrared sensors to military clothing and flares.
Despite antimony's importance, the United States is entirely reliant on foreign countries for this critical mineral supply. Currently, China, Russia and Tajikistan control 90% of the word's antimony. This reliance puts our nation at risk.
The Stibnite Gold Project presents our nation with an opportunity to secure a domestic supply of antimony.
Perpetua Resources has carefully studied the area for years and developed a plan to mine the area responsibly. Perpetua Resources will be able to put hundreds of Americans to work and clean up an area in need of repair, all while providing our armed forces with the minerals they need.
Our troops cannot continue to rely on China and Russia for antimony. I encourage you to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward as quickly as possible.
Sincerely,
Vernon Hutcherson