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For years, we have allowed mining to be pushed overseas and now American supply chains are at risk. Without domestic sources of the minerals we need, American manufacturing and access to the goods we need for our technology, energy and defense industries is not secure.
Right now, we have to rely on other countries to supply us with the minerals we need to produce semiconductors, cars, solar panels, storage batteries, prescription drugs and national defense systems. In fact, there are 17 minerals we are entirely dependent on foreign countries to provide - including antimony.
Antimony is key to keeping our country and our military men and women safe. Sadly, today, China and Russia provide around 90% of America's antimony. But it doesn't have to be this way.
I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to permit Perpetua Resources' Stibnite Gold Project, so we can secure a domestic source of antimony and strengthen America's supply chains.
During the first six years of mining, the Stibnite Gold Project would provide enough antimony to satisfy 35 percent of our nation's commercial antimony demand. It would also provide hundreds of well-paying jobs to hard-working Americans and inject millions of dollars into the economy.
It is time to secure America's supply chains. After years of scientific and public review, it is time to permit the Stibnite Gold Project.
Sincerely,
Donnie