

Greetings Ms. Jackson and Staff,

I am writing to share my thoughts on Midas Gold Idaho's Stibnite Gold project. There are many reasons why I am excited for Midas Gold's project to come to life and I hope through my comments you will understand why.

Being retired Navy, the antimony from this project will allow the U.S. to stop our reliance on China and Russia which is critical from a war perspective. The environmental aspects have been studied and make a lot of sense and they should be allowed to move forward with this project. The benefits to Idaho and specifically our region will bring great economics to rural Idaho.

The Stibnite Gold Project will generate significant federal, state and local taxes over the life of the project. Estimate show the company will contribute \$86 million in state taxes over two decades. The economic benefits tied in with the environmental restoration of the site provide a win-win for the citizens who live in the surrounding communities, the state and the general population.

I urge you to accept Midas Gold's plan as outlined under alternative 2 and continue moving this project forward.

Regards,

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