

America desperately needs antimony. This mineral is used in munitions, large-capacity storage batteries, fire retardants and more. Currently, we are entirely dependent on foreign countries to provide this mineral, which is why I am writing in support of the Stibnite Gold Project. This project can stop our import reliance on antimony.

The permitting process is designed to move the best plans forward. After reviewing the SDEIS, it is clear to me the Burntlog Road option is the very best plan for Idaho. This will allow the abandoned mine site to be restored, America to secure a domestic source of the critical mineral antimony and fish to be reconnected to their native spawning grounds. The Stibnite Gold Project has been under federal review for the past six years and Perpetua Resources has been studying the site for an additional six years. Twelve years of scientific analysis and stakeholder input is ample time to evaluate a project. The process has been rigorous and done its job. Now, we need to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward.

I encourage the U.S. Forest Service to move the Stibnite Gold Project forward. The permitting process is designed to advance the best plans possible. I believe the work of regulators over the past six years is proof this is what is happening with the Stibnite Gold Project. The thorough review process has been beneficial but there should be no more delays. The project should move forward in a timely manner.

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